

# Acholi English - English Acholi Dictionary

*Mairi John Blackings*



# Acholi English - English Acholi Dictionary

*Mairi John Blackings*



full text research  
abstracts of all titles  
monthly updates

**LINCOM** *webshop*  
[www.lincom-europa.com](http://www.lincom-europa.com)

2009  
LINCOM EUROPA

Published by LINCOM GmbH 2009.

LINCOM GmbH  
Gmunder Str. 35  
D-81379 Muenchen

LINCOM.EUROPA@t-online.de  
<http://home.t-online.de/home/LINCOM.EUROPA>  
[www.lincom-europa.com](http://www.lincom-europa.com)

webshop: [lincom.eu](http://lincom.eu)

All rights reserved, including the rights of translation into any foreign language. No part of this book may be reproduced in any way without the permission of the publisher.

Die Deutsche Bibliothek - CIP Cataloguing-in-Publication-Data

A catalogue record for this publication is available from Die Deutsche Bibliothek (<http://www.ddb.de>)

Printed in E.C.  
Printed on chlorine-free paper

#### Dedication

For Erica Lakidi, Elisa Latim, Martin Okello, Jino Obwonyo, J.A.O. Okot, and Fabian Kute, the Acholi Members of Parliament in Kampala, who despite the open hostility of the Obote I regime, bravely stood with their fellow black African people of South Sudan in their hour of need, only for most of them to sadly meet their tragic end under the murderous regime of Idi Amin Dada. May *Labeja*, the *Jok* of Alero, be with you and guide you, wherever you may be.



## Acknowledgment

I am greatly indebted to my Acholi informants from both Uganda and the Sudan for all the help, assistance and the valuable time they have given me during the long and arduous task of compiling this dictionary. The idea of the dictionary was first conceived in 1993, the time I started work on a similar project on Ma'di, but it was not until 2000 immediately after the publication of my *Ma'di English Dictionary*, that serious work started on it. Unfortunately, it was again starting to gather dust in the shelves when a chance encounter in Oxford with that vibrant and dynamic youth leader Belinda Atim rekindled the flames. Atim, thank you very much for the inspiration, warmth and enthusiasm with which you received the project. And thanks for keeping the Luo cultural flame burning high and bright in England. Francis Yugu, thanks for being a wonderful host during the sessions held in your house. Getrude Ayaa, of Kitgum High School, thanks for the steadfast belief in me. Dr Nelson Leben, of Koro Abili C of U, and Sir Samuel Baker School, thanks for the sessions held with you in Oxford. Christine Acire, thanks for all the help. Betty Achan, thanks for being a friend. Patricia Mbabazi, 'the OG', thanks for impressing me with your nearly perfect Lango! Thanks for being a friend and for the cover photo! Without all your help and encouragement, this project would never have seen the light of day. Thanks to you all.

As always, thanks to Prof Nigel Fabb, for all the help over the years, patience in untangling the mysteries of LaTeX, and for helping out with the typesetting of the manuscript.

I wish to extend a special word of thanks to the following for encouraging me or for simply being there for me as I struggled with the project: Susan Poni of Ediofe Girls, for keeping faith with me; Marianne Kajokaya for being there for me; Marcellina Morgan for standing by me through thick and thin; Solla Asea, 'the OG' of Warr Girls, the 'Jonam lassie', for never failing to impress me with how freely and easily you code switch from Acholi to Alur and Ma'di in the typical Bori fashion; Munira Museme, for trusting in me and counting me as a friend; my lovely niece Golda Tembi Abe, for being a real angel on earth and for being there for all - family or not; Rose Ti'bi for being the lovely sister you are and for all the support; Suzan Voga for all the help; Rina Meleby for the stimulating discussions and for your friendship. And to my lovely daughters, Clara and Diko. Clara, thanks for the brave fight you have put. You have always been a fighter. Well done. I am proud of

you. And Diko, for taking stardom in your stride. Twice, in your short life, you have achieved what most of us can only dream of; being on the national television. I love you both, girls! Rebecca Reuben, thanks for always being there for me. Makol Malual and Simon Vitale for all your help and support over the years. Kiisa Tombere and Viana Kakuli for your unwavering friendship over the years. Ben and Betty Katoro for being there for me personally and the whole community in the UK. God bless you all. Peter Kamau, thanks for being a friend.

This acknowledgment would not be complete without a trip down memory lane to the long lost friends from Gulu High School. Michael Owucha, of the Alur tongue who inspired us to read all the books in the African Writers Series we could lay our hands on, and who together with J Omunga, for being "Old Friends"; Oruni and J P Owor for being great debaters; John Bosco Drabille of Ali House and of the Ma'di nation for being a true brother to me; Ann Mary Achan, the Head Girl, for holding the YCS cross high; Margaret Alum for having faith in the sciences when the rest of us drifted to the humanities; Okech Nassar for holding the crescent high; Okello Brandy, the "Atom" for having survived the USSR, and landing next door to me in the inhospitable Khartoum hospital; Bedogwar and JP Oola De Nyeko for your great senses of humour and for the wonderful days we spent together in Juba, when the first wave of ill wind was blowing across Uganda; Helen Koli and Susan Akoli of the Lango nation, and of the Scripture Union for the rare gift of speaking in tongues!; Larry Atube, what a friend you have been! And the class of 1976! You were all stars! As one of the greatest Old Boys, Olara Otunnu, would tell me in May 2009 while in Oxford: 'If you went to Gulu High School, you are educated!' God bless you all, wherever you may be now —be it on this side or yonder! This book is for you all, as you all helped shape my Acholi!

## How to use this Dictionary

### The Acholi Language

The Acholi belong to the Luo cluster of languages, of the Western Nilotic family of the Nilo-Saharan Phylum, spoken in Uganda (900000 speakers) and in the Sudan (60000 speakers). The language has a high mutual intelligibility with Lango, and varying degrees of intelligibility in Uganda with the Alur (and Jonam), Kumam, Padhola, and in the Sudan with the Pari (Lokoro), Chollo (Shilluk), Jur and the Anyuak (also found in Ethiopia) and with the Luo in Kenya and Tanzania.

### Dialects

The two broad dialects are of the Acholi of Uganda and the Sudanese Acholi, along a geo-political divide. The Acholi in Uganda may broadly be divided into East and West, roughly corresponding to the old districts of Kitgum and Gulu respectively. It is possible to further divide these into further dialects. While in the Sudan, there may be three or more dialects. Though no attempt at dialectal distinction has been made in this dictionary, for geo-political reasons loan words used in the Sudan (under the influence of Arabic) may differ from that used in Uganda (often distilled through Swahili). These two countries have different lingua francas: Swahili in Uganda and Juba Arabic in south Sudan.

### Parts of Speech

The following word classes and subsets have been identified for the purpose of this dictionary - nouns, adjectives, prepositions, verbs, adverbs (including completion markers), interjections, conjunctions and particles. In addition, pronouns, numerals and demonstrative have been entered in their own rights. No attempt has been made to distinguish between the transitivity levels of verbs. Parts of Speech are printed in *italic* immediately following the main head entries.

aa [áá] *verb*

(of plants to) do well; grow

*púú! áá kényó mábéer* groundnuts grow well there



## Grammatical Abbreviations

The following grammatical abbreviations have been used:

Abbreviation	Meaning
CFR.	CONFER possible further shades of meaning
PLU.	PLURAL more than one version of the word
SGL.	SINGULAR mon-plural version of the word

## Word Entries

Words are arranged in alphabetical order following the conventional way of spelling, rather than that which is adapted for this dictionary for ease of word location. Words are first written in their conventional spelling in bold before, entries including tone and vowel distinctions are included within square brackets. The words derived from each word (derivatives) are often included in the same entry rather than being given entries of their own. Though at times when the derivatives are completely removed from the main entries with little hope of meanings being worked out from the meaning of the main word, they are given entries of their own.

**gwok** [gwòòk] *verb*

1 (to) take care of

2 (to) protect

**gwókkèè** can be taken care of

**gwòkkè** take care of her

**gwòkkèè** taking care of the self

**gwòkkò** taking care of

The language has a large subset of adverbials, which act as completion markers, which are usually associated with specific verbs. The language has what for a better want of better term, we refer to as verbal nouns, but denoted as nouns. These often end in (-o).

## Meanings and Examples

Where a word has more than one meaning, each meaning is numbered separately

**cai** [cái] *noun*

1 tea

2 bribery

SWA *chai*

Examples have been used sparingly whenever it was felt that it would aid and expand meaning and usage.

**agulu** [àgúlú] *noun*

pot

**àgúlú pfi** water pot

**àgúlú déek** cooking pot

## Standard Orthography

This dictionary deviates from the conventional orthography of Acholi in two main respects. First, it identifies and utilizes all the nine vowels of the language, beyond the usual five. Secondly, it recognizes tone as integral to the proper rendition of the language by marking it. These are both crucial elements in aiding pronunciation, word discrimination and in offering spelling suggestions. However, my view is that, the marking of tones and distinguishing vowel qualities should only be limited to projects like dictionary writings or advanced studies, as meanings of words can usually be deciphered relatively easily from contexts, without unnecessary intrusion.

## Vowels

The ten vowels of the language contrast as follows in five pairs as represented in the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA):

+ATR	(a)	e	i	o	u
-ATR	a	ɛ	ɪ	ɔ	ʊ

Acholi has four Advanced Tongue Root (+ATR) vowels and the five Retracted Tongue Root (-ATR) vowels.

*How to write the vowels*

In this dictionary the +ATR vowels will be written with dots underneath while the -ATR vowels will be unmarked (written as in the usual orthography without any markings normally). The adding of the dots beneath the +ATR vowels have been preferred to the use of IPA for a number of reasons. First, because it is easier to do so even by hand. Secondly, because it does not deviate much from the conventional orthography. Thirdly, because it is visually and educationally helpful to note that the +ATR vowel is loaded with a dot beneath it.

+ATR	<u>a</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>u</u>
-ATR	a	e	i	o	u

*Distinguishing the vowels*

Although there are nine vowels in the language as a whole, the vowel [a] does not contrast phonemically or phonetically enough to merit being marked in this dictionary. The other pairs contrasts as follows:

<i>Heavy</i>	<i>gloss</i>	<i>Light</i>	<i>gloss</i>
còò	'wake'	còò	'write'
pìì	'water'	pì	'because of'
péé	'not present'	pèè	'hailstone'
gùùr	'nail up'	gùùr	'gather'
gàngí	'homes'	gààng	'home'

**Consonants**

Acholi has a number of singularly articulated and doubly and secondarily articulated consonants listed below. In this dictionary all the consonants are written as they are normally in the conventional orthography. One point that has to be made is that the velar nasal [ŋ] has been written as [ng] as no convincing reason has been found to use the IPA symbol [ŋ] for this phoneme only. For the convenient of those who would like to study the language further, the consonant chart of the language has been produced below.

*Singularly Articulated Consonants*

The singularly articulated consonants as used in the orthography are described in the table below. The IPA variant, where it differs from the orthographic version is placed are within square brackets [ ]

Table 0.1. *Singularly articulated consonants*

	bi-labial	labio -dental	alveolar	palatal	velar
plosives (stops)					
voiceless	p		t		k
voiced	b		d		g
nasals					
nasals	m		n	ny [ɲ]	ng [ŋ]
affricates					
voiceless			c [tʃ]		
voiced			j [dʒ]		
others					
lateral			l		
trill			r		
glides				y [j]	

*Secondarily Articulated Consonants*

The secondarily articulated consonants [kw, gw, etc] and [ty, dy, etc] as shown in the table below:

Table 0.2. *Secondarily articulated consonants*

	bilabial	alveolar	velar
voiceless stops	p <sup>w</sup> py	t <sup>w</sup> ty	k <sup>w</sup>
voiced stops	b <sup>w</sup> by	d <sup>w</sup> dy	g <sup>w</sup>
voiceless affricatives	c <sup>w</sup> [tʃ <sup>w</sup> ]	j <sup>w</sup>	
lateral		l <sup>w</sup> ly	
trill		r <sup>w</sup> ry	
nasals	m <sup>w</sup> my		
glides	w		

## Tone and Vowel Length

## Key Tones

The key tones in Acholi are:

Tone	Word	Meaning	Orthography
High	láák	'wandering'	lak
Low	làk	'teeth'	lak
Mid	mā	particle	ma

Acholi tones are relatively fluid, often influenced by adjacent tones and suprasegmental features such as stress. Thus the adverb 'there' would normally be 'càà', with a sequence of low tones. However in animated speech, an utterance such as 'there he is' will have to be 'én cáá!' rather than 'én càà!'. This poses serious problem for the lexicographer. In this dictionary, the tone supplied is therefore of the individual word in isolation, rather than within a context, as the two may yield different tone patterns.

## Gemination

In this dictionary, where a derivational word is written conjunctively, the final consonant of the root word is doubled as follows:

wàác	wàccī	wàccē	wàccò	'say'
kèēl	kèllī	kèllē	kèllò	'bring'
càām	càmmī	càmmē	càmmò	'eat'
wīl	wīllī	wīllē	wīllò	'buy'

Similarly, tonal information suggests the need for vowel gemination in the root verbs, as they are shown to be polysyllabic. That is why the root vowels have their vowels doubled in the examples above. However, the corresponding medial vowels of derivational verb forms, are not and should not be doubled, though the final consonants are doubled.

More importantly, where the final consonants are digraphs (*ng*, *ny*) rather than double the whole consonant only the first half of the digraph is doubled in this dictionary, as in:

wīny	wīnnyī	wīnnyē	wīnnyō	'hear'
lwōṅg	lwōnngī	lwōnngē	lwōnngō	'call'

## Etymology

There are a number of loanwords in the language, which this dictionary attempts to identify and suggest possible sources for. Where a source has been suggested as Swahili, it could have easily been suggested as Arabic, as most Swahili words have their origin in Arabic. Similarly, words suggested as of Arabic origin, could have come into the language via Swahili. Word origins are marked after the definitions as in the example below:

**cai** [cái] *noun*  
 1 tea  
 2 bribery  
 SWA *chai*

The example above suggests that the source of the word for 'tea' is Swahili word 'chai'. While the dictionary also attempts to suggest the original source word, except for English which in most cases is obvious, there is not attempt to suggest that the standard original language spelling is being observed.

The abbreviations used are as follows:

Abbreviation	Meaning	Comments
ARA	ARABIC	Refers to Juba Arabic, rather than classical Arabic
BNT	BANTU	Any of the Bantu languages spoken in Uganda
ENG	ENGLISH	The national language in Uganda and South Sudan
ITA	ITALIAN	Mostly religious lexicon and restricted to Catholics
SWA	SWAHILI	As spoken, especially in Uganda

## Gender

Acholi has no grammatical gender. It is only for convenience that examples alternate between 'he' and 'she'.



Acholi - English

## A a

### a [à-] prefix, pronoun

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I"  
àcfttò làwóró I went yesterday

2 short form of the first person pronoun, which attaches to verbs and marks out the speaker as the subject or doer of the action. àcámmò làwóró I ate it yesterday  
CFR án

### a [-á] suffix, pronoun

1 short form of first person singular pronoun; "I" used verb finally. òkèllá làwóró He brought me (here) yesterday

2 short form of first person singular pronoun "I" used to denote the recipient as the benefactive: to or for me. òkèllá làwóró He brought it to me yesterday

### aa [-áà] suffix

marks out the object as "the one for"  
mé àbílláà (the one) for tast-

ing; to be tasted

mé àcáttáà (the one) for sale

### aa [àā] verb

1 (to) get up. àā málō get up

2 (to) get lost; move away. àā kùnñù get lost!

3 (to) have come from, originated from (used with the past tense). dàā kí ì tìc she has come from work

### aa [áā] interjection

(used to express objection often accompanied by head shale); no, oh no. áā pé ngéyyā Oh no, she does not know me

### aa [áā] interjection

used to express surprise, wonder or amazement; oh, so. áā mán ìn? Oh is this you!

### aa [áá] verb

(of plants to) do well; grow. púùl áá kényó mǎbээр ground-nuts grow well there

### aa [āā] verb

1 (used as a directive - not polite); get out of the way, give way, get lost! āā kùnñù

Get lost!  
 2 (used as directives) start from, originate from

**aa** [àà] *verb* (used in the past tense) 1 (to) have originated, come from  
 2 (to) have started or commenced from or in. *ààà kí ì Gulu* He came from or originated from Gulu.  
 CFR *àà*

**aa** [áà] *verb* (used in the non-past tense; future); 1 to originate or come from  
 2 to start or commence from. *áá kǐ káány* It will start from here  
 CFR *àà*

**abaa** [àbáà] *noun*  
 endearment term for father; daddy

**ababa** [àbàbà] *noun*  
 stupid, foolish, mad

**abam** [àbáám] *noun*  
 platform, dais

**abanga** [àbángáà] *noun*  
 leftover food the following morning

**abanga banga** [àbángá bángá] *noun*  
 an edible creeping plant of the bean family

**abelu** [àbèlú] *noun*  
 of unstable mind, mentally disturbed

**abembem** [àbémbèèm] *noun*  
 very important persons; dignitaries

**abii** [àbíí] *noun*  
 grass, preferred for house thatching; elephant grass

**abic** [àbíic] *numeral*  
 five

**abice** [àbíicèèl] *numeral*  
 six

**abila** [àbíílàà] *noun*  
 ancestral shrine

**abili** [àbíìlì] *noun*  
 police  
 ALSO *pòlìic*

**abiling** [àbííling] *noun*  
 a grasshopper species  
 ALSO *àbúling*

**abino** [àbíínó] *noun*  
 a small narrow necked pot used for storing beer

**abiro** [àbíró] *numeral*  
 seven  
 ALSO *àbíróò*

**abim** [àbíím] *noun*  
 nightjar

**aboce** [àbòcé] *noun*  
 of wild yam family usually eaten during famine

**abok** [àbòók] *noun*  
 1 pain usually associated with women in labour  
 2 rheumatism

**abongwen** [àbòngwéén] *noun*  
 the number nine

**abor** [àbòr] *noun*  
 lung

**abor** [àbòór] *noun*  
 adultery

**aboro** [àbòró] *numeral*  
 the number eight

**abuc** [àbúú] *adverb*

a thing hanging or placed precariously

**abuling** [àbúling] *noun*  
 grasshopper species  
 ALSO *àbííling*

**abuma** [àbúmmá] *noun*  
 swindle, con

**abur** [àbúúr] *noun*  
 reedbuck, eland

**aburu** [àbúúrú] *noun*  
 cold, influenza  
 ALSO *àbúró*

**abutida** [àbùtìdà] *noun*  
 catapult

**abwoc** [àbwòdòc] *noun*  
 arrogance, pride

**abwoga** [àbwógáà] *noun*  
 1 miscarriage  
 2 premature birth

**abwol** [àbwóól] *noun*  
 traditional bracelet, bangle usually made from ivory or brass

**abwora** [àbwórá] *adjective*  
 around evening

**abwori** [àbwóórì] *noun*  
 eland

**abyero** [àbyèrò] *noun*  
 placenta  
 ALSO *byèrò*

**acac** [ácác] *interjection*  
 an exclamation expressing disgust or sudden sharp pain

**acac** [ácác] *adjective*  
 of or related to disparaging remarks

**acam** [àcààm] *adjective*  
 of or related to the left; left hand

*cíng àcàm* the left hand  
 ALSO *làcàm*  
 CFR *làcùùc*

**acany** [àcány] *noun*  
 ulcer of the skin found usually on the hand or feet

**acari** [àcárí] *noun*  
 a sweet sorghum species usually eaten fresh

**acebe** [àcèbé] *noun*  
 bird species, black stork

**aceker** [àcékēēr] *noun*  
 uniformed officer; police (officer), soldier  
 CFR *pòlìic*, *àbíìfì*  
 ARA *ashaker*

**acel** [àcèèl] *numeral*  
 one

**acikari** [àcìkàrí] *noun*  
 soldier  
 SWA *askari*

**acil** [àcìil] *adjective*  
 small and thin

**acoma** [àcòmā] *noun*  
 loin cloth worn by women in the past  
 CFR *làyàmò*

**acula** [àcùlā] *noun*  
 island  
 ALSO *cùlā*

**acunget** [àcùngéèt] *noun*  
 a young female wildebeest

**acura** [àcùrá] *adverb*  
 to speak frankly, plainly

**acuru** [àcùrú] *adjective*  
 pointed end

**acut** [àcùtùt] *noun*  
 vulture

**acwak** [àcwák] *noun*  
 poles for holding nets



**acwer** [àcwéér] *noun*  
 pegs for hanging drums  
**acwi** [àcwíí] *noun*  
 an insect which sucks bean  
 or cow peas nectar  
**acwiny** [àcwííny] *noun*  
 liver  
 ALSO **àcúúny**  
**ada** [àdáá] *adjective*  
 true  
**adada** [àdádāā] *adverb*  
 1 truly  
 2 really  
**adada** [àdádā] *noun*  
 an insect species that bur-  
 rows in sand making con-  
 ical holes  
**adagi** [àdāgī] *noun*  
 buttocks  
**adam** [àdāám] *noun* brain  
**adanya** [àdānyā] *noun*  
 not good at any job— a  
 bungler  
**adek** [àdēèk] *numeral*  
 three  
**adet** [àdèèt] *adjective*  
 fresh wound  
**adi** [àdīí] *adverb*  
 1 how many  
 2 how much  
 ìwíllò àdīí? how many / much  
 did you buy?  
**adibu** [àdībú] *adverb*  
 done secretly, underhand  
**ading** [àdííng] *noun*  
 strainer used especially for  
 local beer  
 ALSO **làdííng**  
**ading** [àdíng] *noun*

electric fish  
 ALSO **àdìngá**  
**adinga** [àdìngá] *noun*  
 electric fish  
 ALSO **àdìng**  
**adita** [àdítá] *noun*  
 a small basket made from  
 palm tree leaves  
**aditi** [àdítí] *noun*  
 a small bird species which  
 nests in shrubs  
**adola** [àdólá] *noun*  
 ulcer of the leg  
**adong** [àdòṅg] *noun*  
 (of a scar) to redden and  
 or swell because of likely  
 infection  
**adongi** [àdòṅgí] *noun*  
 Meningitis, possibly cere-  
 bral  
**aduc** [àdúúç] *noun*  
 a small hut  
**aduku** [àdúkú] *noun*  
 a basket made from the leaves  
 of palm trees  
**adul** [àdúú] *noun*  
 tree stump  
**aduno** [àdúnòḍò] *noun*  
 part of the body especially  
 the heart, associated with  
 feelings and emotions  
**aduno** [àdúnòḍò] *adjective*  
 a plump person  
**adungu** [àdúṅgú] *noun*  
 1 a stringed musical instru-  
 ment in the tradition of the  
 harp  
 2 a bow shaped stringed  
 musical instrument usu-  
 ally played by women only

**adwal** [àdwààl] *noun*  
 a young female antelope  
**adwi** [àdwií] *noun*  
 an outlaw, a fugitive, a ter-  
 rorist  
 ALSO **àdúú**  
**adwoka** [àdwókā] *noun*  
 milk from a cow that has  
 just calved, usually yellow-  
 ish  
**adwoga** [àdwògá] *noun*  
 yellowish  
**adwogi** [àdwóggí] *noun*  
 effect, consequence, result  
 of an action; end result  
 àdwóggí né tòḍ the end re-  
 sult is death  
 CFR **dwòḍg**  
**adwongo** [àdwòṅgò] *adjec-*  
*tive*  
 a large basket  
**adyel adyel** [àdyéél àdyéél]  
*noun*  
 a bird species  
**agaba** [àgábá] *noun*  
 a climbing plant  
**agak** [àgáàk] *noun*  
 a bird species; crow  
**agara** [àgàrá] *noun*  
 a big spear with a wide  
 blade  
**angara** [ànggàrà] *noun*  
 bony fish which is usually  
 salt dried  
**agec** [àgééc] *noun*  
 backbiting, slander  
**agi** [àgìí] *noun*  
 gambling, betting  
**agiki** [àgíkí] *noun*  
 end, terminal, end point

**agit** [àgīt] *noun*  
 ornamental ring  
**agobi** [àgóbí] *noun*  
 pain related to menstua-  
 tion  
**agoga** [àgògà] *noun*  
 a bird species; nightjar  
**agong** [àgóóng] *adverb*  
 (of a door) left ajar  
**agoro** [àgòrò] *noun*  
 a winged termite species  
 that comes out around 10pm  
**agulu** [àgúlú] *noun*  
 pot  
 àgúlú pī water pot  
 àgúlú dèèk cooking pot  
**aguragura** [àgúrágúrá] *noun*  
 horse  
**agwata** [àgwátá] *noun*  
 calabash  
 àgwátá pī calabash for wa-  
 ter  
**agwara** [àgwará] *noun*  
 a stone used for scrubbing  
 feet  
**agwaya** [àgwàyá] *noun*  
 a slimy vegetable  
**agwe** [àgwéé] *adjective*  
 newly harvested millet  
**agwer** [àgwéér] *noun*  
 what is left over after the  
 main harvest of millet or  
 sorghum  
**aita** [àítà] *noun*  
 squirrel  
 ALSO **àyítà**  
**aja** [àjàà] *noun*  
 rattle usually made from  
 a small guord

**ajiya** [àjìyā] *noun*  
boiled maize or beans

**ajong** [àjòng] *noun*  
sauce without seasoning  
ALSO **àkítà**, **àlót**, **àjóngá**

**ajonga miya** [àjóngá miyà] *noun*  
a fly species that causes river blindness

**ajot jot** [àjóòt jòt] *noun*  
a big green grasshopper

**aju** [àjúú] *noun*  
grass species used in traditional blessing rituals

**aju** [àjúú] *noun*  
laziness, being lazy

**ajua** [àjùá] *noun*  
tree species used in blessings

**ajuc** [àjúúc] *noun*  
an old woman

**ajut** [àjúút] *noun*  
tree stump

**ajut** [àjúút] *noun*  
(of a person) stupid

**ajwaka** [àjwákā] *noun*  
1 diviner, medicine man or woman  
2 witch  
3 talisman

**ajwiya lee** [àjwíyá léé] *noun*  
a water point where animals congregate to drink

**aka** [akaa] *noun*  
bengal cane

**akaka** [àkàà] *adverb*  
(usually unpleasant thing)  
done deliberately  
ALSO **àkàkàà**

**akany angó** [àkáány àngóó] *noun*

a tiny insect species known for carrying huge loads

**akarakara yoo** [àkárákàrà yòò] *noun*  
junction

**akaya** [àkáyá] *noun*  
stomach

**akela** [akela] *noun*  
a fish species with a red tail fin

**aker** [àkéér] *noun*  
a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation  
ALSO **kéér**

**akera** [àkèrá] *adverb*  
(of a person) submissive

**akero** [àkérò] *noun*  
a war dance usually after slaying an enemy or a beast  
ALSO **wàyyò àkèrò**

**akeyo** [àkéyòò] *noun*  
a slightly sour vegetable

**akic** [àkííc] *noun*  
loin or sirloin

**akili** [àkílí] *adjective*  
(of a knife) without the handle

**akita** [àkítá] *noun*  
sauce without seasoning  
ALSO **àlót**, **àjóngá**

**akol** [àkóól] *noun*  
animal skin  
ALSO **àkóól**

**akuku** [àkúkù] *noun*  
dark sandy soil used in adorning the hair and female loin clothes

**akul** [àkúúl] *noun*  
pen or kraal  
**àkúúl dyèèl** goat kraal

**akumu** [àkúmmū] *noun*  
part of the brideprice which is off record

**akura** [àkùrà] *noun*  
sheath

**alemo** [àlè mò] *noun*  
fig tree

**aloko** [àlòkò] *noun*  
hoe handle

**alwoka** [àlwókā] *noun*  
property that the bride takes with her to her marital home

**amacak** [amacak] *noun*  
a green snake species with a whitish underbelly

**amal** [àmál] *noun*  
special offal usually eaten by elders in ritual sacrifices

**amam** [àmáàm] *noun*  
pigeon, dove  
ARA *hamam*

**amida** [àmídá] *noun*  
a sorghum species whose seeds may be eaten as snacks roasted or raw

**amina** [àmíná] *noun*  
a plant species whose leaves fold up on being touched  
ALSO **àmìrá**

**aming aming** [àmíng àmíng] *noun*  
a white termite species known for their odd hours of coming out — often late afternoon instead of after darkness

**amo** [àmóò] *noun*  
a plant species whose leaves

may be used as medicine for scabies

**amor** [àmór] *noun*  
tree species, used as scabies medicine

**amor** [àmòòr] *noun*  
a natural sponge used for bathing; luffa

**amoro** [àmòrò] *noun*  
suffering ALSO **àròmò**

**amuka** [àmùkà] *noun*  
rhinoceros

**amuli** [àmùlí] *noun*  
(of a person) double dealer, traitor

**amuri** [àmùrí] *noun*  
duiker, dik dik  
ALSO **àmùúr**

**amwoda** [àmwó dá] *adverb*  
equal, at the same time

**an** [án] *pronoun*  
full form of first person singular pronoun; "I"  
CFR the *prefix à*

**anino** [ánínò] *noun*  
whip made usually from hippopotamus hide  
ALSO **céré**

**anok** [ànóòk] *noun*  
part of the main house reserved for animals

**anuno** [ànúnò] *noun*  
a species of bitter tasting creeping plants used in house building as it is repellent to termites

**anga** [àngáà] *pronoun*  
who  
ALSO **ngà**  
**ménò ànggàà?** who is that?

**angaci** [àngáçĩ] *noun*  
local beer (**kwètè**) that has not yet been strained

**angaka** [àngákà] *adjective*  
(of grain, groundnut) coarsely grounded

**angec** [àngèc] *adverb*  
still to come or to happen

**angeca** [àngécá] *noun*  
a female slave  
CFR **òpíí**

**angeri** [àngèrì] *noun*  
black tiny monkey species

**ango** [àngòò] *pronoun*  
what

**angoli** [àngólí] *noun*  
a skin disease associated with domestic animals

**angulangul** [àngúlàngùl] *noun*  
swelling of the glands due to infection

**angwen** [àngwèèn] *numeral*  
four

**anyaka** [ànyáká] *noun*  
girl  
PLU **ànyìrà**

**anyai** [ànyáí] *noun*  
wild animals, especially predators

**anyanya** [ànyànyà] *noun*  
a type of poison

**anyara** [ànyàrá] *noun*  
animal species, skunk

**anyeda** [ànyédáá] *adverb*  
1 (of a thing) to pose delicately  
2 (of a person) to handle especially utensils with finger tips as if they are dirty

**anyeri** [ànyéérì] *noun*  
an edible tailless rodent; bush rat

**anyim** [ànyíím] *adverb*  
ahead, still to come, still to happen

**anying** [ànyííng] *noun*  
a spiral metal adornment strip worn by woman around the waste

**anyira** [ànyìrà] *noun*  
girls  
SGL **ànyáká**

**anyira** [ànyírá] *noun*  
an animal species of the skunk family

**anyogi** [ànyóógù] *noun*  
maize, corn  
ALSO **ànywágù**

**anyo** [ànyóò] *noun*  
measles

**anyoba nyoba** [ànyóbá nyóbà] *noun*  
confusion

**anywali** [ànywáíl] *adjective*  
native of; native to

**anywar** [ànywààr] *noun*  
mockery, teasing

**aona** [àóná] *noun*  
cough

**aor** [àòr] *noun*  
a rack for storing firewood

**apaca** [àpàcá] *adverb*  
(of a spear hurled) to only graze with no deep penetration

**apar** [àpáàr] *numeral*  
the number ten

**apata** [àpátá] *adjective*  
flat

**ape** [àpéé] *noun*  
(an utterance made when a child sneezes) — bless you!

**apededede** [àpèdèdèdè] *noun*  
a big brown grasshopper resembling a locust  
ALSO **làbáá**

**apika** [àpìkà] *noun*  
tripe  
ALSO **àpèkè**

**apili** [àpìl] *noun*  
appeal (ENG)

**apili lyang** [àpìlì lyàng] *noun*  
a sauce made from sim-sim paste without anything else

**apiti** [àpítí] *noun*  
harvest dance performed exclusively by women

**apodo** [àpòdò] *noun*  
a bird of the crane family

**apoka** [àpóká] *noun*  
tree bark

**apoli** [àpólí] *noun*  
wildebeest

**apong apong** [àpòṅṅ pòṅṅ] *noun*  
a greenish grasshopper with a foul smell  
ALSO **òbááng cèèt**

**apoya** [àpòyá] *noun*  
madness  
**làpòyá** a mad person

**apudu** [àpúdù] *noun*  
grass species of the elephant grass family

**apuru** [àpúrù] *noun*  
teenagers

**apuu** [àpùù] *noun*  
dust  
ALSO **àpwàà**

**apwa** [àpwàà] *noun*  
dust  
ALSO **àpúlù**

**apwoyo** [àpwóyò] *noun*  
rabbit, hare

**apwoyo** [àpwóyò] *noun*  
thank you

**arany** [àrány] *adverb*  
(of a talk or speech) lacking in political correctness or not sensitive enough  
ALSO **àrányí**

**arara** [àrárá] *noun*  
the spotted hyena

**arege** [àrégè] *noun*  
locally distilled alcohol  
ARA **araq**

**aremu** [àrému] *noun*  
a creeping plant whose roots are used as medicine against dysentery

**ari** [àrí] *adjective*  
(of the eyes) lazy eyes, squint

**ari** [àrí] *interjection*  
expresses surprise

**aribe** [àrìbè] *noun*  
a bird species of the weaver-bird family

**aribu** [àrìbù] *noun*  
winged termites which come out in the early hours of the morning just before dawn

**arocile** [àròcìlé] *noun*  
foot band used by the military to protect the shin

**arododo** [àròdòdò] *noun*  
payment in services rather



than cash for a chief  
 ALSO **lùwàlò**  
**aroma** [àròmá] *noun*  
 suffering, distress in the  
 process of earning liveli-  
 hood  
**aromo ki nguu** [àrómò kí ngùù]  
*noun*  
 a thorny plant species  
**arony** [àróóny] *noun*  
 abuse, impertinence  
**aruk dyang** [àrúk dyáàng] *noun*  
 hump especially of a cow  
**arum** [àrùùm] *noun*  
 hunting expedition in which  
 a large area is surrounded  
 and shielded off  
**arum** [àrùùm] *noun*  
 black bird species of the  
 hornbill family  
**arwa** [àrwà] *noun*  
 part of the lean meat left  
 after the fatty bit has melted  
 off under heat  
**arwii** [àrwíí] *noun*  
 (of a person) acting in an  
 unexpected ways  
**arwit** [àrwít] *noun*  
 tying a thing with knots  
 ALSO **àrít**  
**aryeba** [àryéébáà] *adverb*  
 (of a thing) turned upside  
 down or outside out  
**aryec** [àryéécé] *noun*  
 a hole for trapping animals  
 ALSO **àryéc**  
**aryo** [àrííyò] *numeral*  
 the number two  
**ata** [àtáà] *adjective*  
 1 (of a person) behaving

or talking without social  
 restraints or inhibitions or  
 grasping the whole picture  
 first  
 2 (of a person) deemed not  
 to be of much value or worth;  
 mere  
 3 indiscriminately  
 ALSO **àtátáà**  
**atabo** [àtábò] *noun*  
 food bowl  
**ataca** [àtácá] *adjective*  
 (of a thing) being shallow  
**ataka** [àtākà] *noun*  
 beads as worn by women  
**atango cinga** [àtángó cǐngà]  
*noun*  
 a small bushy shrub  
**ataro** [àtárò] *adverb*  
 1 (of a thing) placed face  
 up; upside down  
 2 (of a person) lying on  
 the back; face up  
**atego** [àtéǵò] *noun*  
 the metal strip in bangles  
 or bracelets  
**atego** [àteǵò] *noun*  
 a strong tree species used  
 in buildings and is termite  
 repellent  
**atennga** [àténngā] *adverb*  
 (of a person in flight) to  
 run far away  
**atero** [àtèrò] *noun*  
 arrow  
**ati** [àtìí] *adverb*  
 (of an event) preceding the  
 rest  
 òòò **àtìì** she was the first to  
 arrive

**atika** [àtíká] *adverb*  
 really, in truth  
**atiko** [àtíkò] *noun*  
 a fly, of the bluebottle species  
**atina** [àtíná] *noun*  
 thriftiness, prudence  
**atir** [àtíír] *adjective*  
 1 straight, not bent or crooked  
 2 (of a person) having good  
 qualities, honest, reliable.  
**atubu** [àtùbù] *noun*  
 dragonfly  
 ALSO **làtùbùtùbù**  
**atudu** [àtùdù] *noun*  
 duck  
**atum** [àtùùm] *noun*  
 bow  
**atunya** [àtùnyà] *noun*  
 lion  
 ALSO **làbwòr**  
**ature** [àtùré] *noun*  
 flowers  
**aturun** [àtùrùùn] *noun*  
 sodium bicarbonate  
**atuto** [àtùtò] *noun*  
 a percolating utensil for lo-  
 cal sodium bicarbonate  
**atuya** [àtúyáà] *noun*  
 an edible rodent  
**atyer** [àtyéér] *adverb*  
 (done or said) openly, frankly,  
 publicly  
**aula** [àùlà] *noun*  
 an ornament worn around  
 the arm made from giraffe  
 or zebra tail during tradi-  
 tional dancing  
 ALSO **àwùlà**  
**awak** [àwààk] *noun*  
 communal digging after which

the participants are treated  
 to a feast of drinks and food  
 rather than being paid in  
 cash  
**awal** [àwààl] *noun*  
 bowl, usually from calabash  
**awang mac** [àwáàng mààc] *noun*  
 swelling of the glands fol-  
 lowing infection  
**awar** [àwààr] *noun*  
 reclaiming of the brideprice  
 after divorce  
**awar baad** [àwáár bààd] *noun*  
 part of the sacrificial meat  
 set aside for elders to con-  
 sume, before the main meal  
**awara** [àwárá] *noun*  
 a portion of  
 àwàrà kífc honeycomb  
 àwàrà tǎà dried tobacco leaves  
**awene** [àwèné] *adverb*  
 when  
 òwàccò àwèné? when did  
 he say it?  
**aweno** [àwénò] *noun*  
 guinea fowl  
**awiny awiny** [àwíny àwíny]  
*noun*  
 a grasshopper species  
**awira** [àwírà] *noun*  
 tobacco, usually unprocessed  
**awira wira** [àwírà wírà] *noun*  
 a children's game where  
 they twirl until they are  
 dizzy  
**awobe** [àwòbè] *noun*  
 boys  
 SGL **àwòbì**  
**awobi** [àwòbì] *noun*

boy

PLU àwòbè

**awola** [àwólá] *noun*  
poison

**awuka** [àwùkā] *noun*  
the stomach of an animal  
ALSO àpìkà

**awula** [àwùlà] *noun*  
an arm band used in dancing  
ALSO àùlà

**ayal** [àyáàl] *noun*  
part of the brideprice given to the people who accompany a bride to her home before they can take food in the new family

**ayela** [àyéllá] *noun*  
problems, troubles

**ayila** [àyíllá] *noun*  
itching of the skin

**ayo** [àyóò] *adjective*  
(of land) fertile

**ayo** [àyóò] *noun*  
a baboon species

**ayol** [àyóól] *adverb*  
loosely tied

**ayom** [àyóòm] *noun*  
a monkey species

**ayulu** [àyùlù] *noun*  
a partridge species

**aywaac** [àywáác] *noun*  
ritual cleansing of the self

**ayweri** [àywéř] *noun*  
partridge

**aywica** [àywicā] *noun*  
berry species

## B b

**ba** [bá] *adverb*  
used to plead, implore, emphasise a point. *wǝny bá* do listen, please!

**ba** [báá] *adverb*  
1 ready  
2 the whole lot; all, everything. *àcám mò báá* I ate the whole lot

**baa** [bàā] *verb*  
(to) throw away; discard.  
*bàā wókō* throw it away

**baa** [báà] *noun*  
pub, bar (ENG)

**bab** [bàāb] *verb*  
1 (of a ball etc) to deflate or collapse  
2 to lose original shape; deform

**bab** [bàāb] *verb*  
(to) become foolish, cause to become foolish

**bac** [báác] *noun*  
throwing away; discarding

**bac** [báác] *noun*  
bus (ENG)

**bad** [bàād] *noun*  
1 (human) arm  
2 (animal) shoulder

**bai** [bàì] *adverb*  
staring blankly

**bak** [bàāk] *verb*  
(to) stab

**bak** [bàāk] *verb*  
1 to make potato heaps  
2 to gather, collect in a heap

**bak** [bàāk] *verb*  
1 to plead for mercy  
2 entreat. *bàkkò dóóg* pleading for mercy  
**bàkkò** pleading for mercy, entreating

**bak** [bàāk] *verb*  
(to) knead flour mixed with yeast for baking or making beer

**bakacic** [bàkàcìc] *noun*  
commission or reward for a well done job  
SWA *bakshish*

**bako** [bàkkò] *verb*  
1 making potato heaps  
2 pleading

**bako** [bàkkò] *noun*  
pleading, entreating

**bako** [bàkkò] *noun*  
making potato heaps

**bal** [báál] *noun*  
1 error, mistake  
2 sin  
3 transgression

**bal** [bàāl] *verb*  
1 (to) destroy, spoil, ruin  
*bàllò lèòk* saying inappropriate things (and ruining everything)  
2 (to) waste  
3 (of a thing) to go bad  
*cààk òballé wòkò* the milk has gone bad  
*bàllò cáám* wasting food  
*bàllò lìím* squandering wealth  
*cààk bállèè* milk can go bad  
**bàllèè** can go bad  
**bàllò** ruining, spoiling, squandering, wasting

**balangiti** [bàlànggítì] *noun*  
blanket  
SWA *balangiti*

**balaturu** [bàlàtùrù] *noun*  
an animal which feigns death on sensing danger by closing its eyes

**balibali** [bàlibàlì] *noun*  
a barbed arrow

**balò** [bàllò] *verb*  
ruining, spoiling

**bam** [bààm] *noun*  
pelvis

**bam** [bààm] *verb*  
(to) chew lightly without the teeth grinding

**bam** [bààm] *adjective*  
blunt

**bam** [bààm] *verb*  
add to  
**bàmmèè** can be added to  
**bàmmò** adding to

**bamo** [bàmmò] *noun*  
adding to

**ban** [bàān] *verb*  
(to) fold  
**bànnò** folding up

**bano** [bànnò] *noun*  
folding up

**bani** [bààni] *noun*  
a shield made from usually buffalo hide

**bang** [bàāng] *verb*  
1 (of potato, polenta, etc) to eat without sauce  
2 (DER) to eat. *bàāng làyàtā* *nì* eat this potatoes (without sauce)

**bánngeè** can be eaten without sauce  
**bànnò** eating without sauce  
**bangili** [bànggìlì] *noun*  
bracelet  
**bango** [bànggò] *noun*  
gorging  
**bany** [bàány] *verb*  
to peel  
**bánnnyèè** can be peeled  
**bànnnyò** peeling  
**banya** [bányá] *verb*  
debt  
**banyo** [bànnnyò] *verb*  
1 peeling  
2 (of hair etc) parting, separating  
3 (of sweat) mopping  
**bànnnyò wìic** parting the hair  
**bànnnyò kwòòk** wiping off sweat  
**banyo** [bànnnyò] *noun*  
wiping off sweat  
**banyo** [bànnnyò] *noun*  
peeling  
**bao** [bád] *noun*  
timber, plank, board  
SWA *bao*  
**bap** [bááp] *noun* target  
**bap** [bàáp] *verb*  
(to) slap  
**báppèè** can be slapped  
**bàppò** slapping, smacking  
**bapo** [bàppò] *noun*  
smacking, slapping  
**bar** [bààr] *noun*  
arena, field  
**bar** [bààr] *verb*  
1 (of firewood etc) to split  
2 (to) divide

**bàrréè** can be split, separated  
**bàrrò** separating, splitting, dividing  
**baraja** [bàrájà] *noun*  
1 verandah  
2 Monday (ENG)  
**baro** [bàrrò] *verb*  
splitting open, cutting open, dividing  
**bàrrò wìic** headache  
**baru** [bàrú] *noun*  
bullet shell left after firing  
**baru** [bàrú] *noun*  
a children's game  
**bat** [bààt] *noun*  
arm  
**batania** [bàtàníyà] *noun*  
blanket  
ARA *batnia*  
**bayo** [bàyyò] *verb*  
throwing, casting away  
**bebo** [bèbbò] *verb*  
twisting mouth when crying  
**bebo** [bèbbò] *verb*  
carrying  
**bèbbò làtín** carrying a child  
**bèbbò yéec** carrying a load  
**becen** [béccèn] *noun*  
(container) basin (ENG)  
**beco** [bècò] *adjective*  
good, beautiful  
SGL *bèèr*  
**bed** [bèèd] *verb*  
1 to sit  
2 to be  
3 to stay, live  
**bèèd pííny** sit down  
**bèèd káány** sit here; stay here

**bèddò** staying, living; being; sitting  
**bedo** [bèddò] *verb*  
1 sitting  
2 living  
3 being  
**bega** [béga] *noun*  
a detective, an investigator  
SWA *bega*  
**bei** [béi] *noun*  
cost, price  
SWA *beyi*  
**bek** [bèek] *verb*  
(to) pick, peck  
**békkèè** can be pecked, picked  
**bèkkò** pecking  
**beko** [bèkkò] *verb*  
to roam, wander  
**beko** [bèkkò] *noun*  
pecking  
**bel** [béél] *noun*  
grain, cereals  
**béél wínyò** a wild plant  
whose seeds are eaten by children and birds  
**belle** [bèllèè] *verb*  
moving up and down in anger; bobbling  
**bem** [bèèm] *adjective*  
charm  
**làbèèm dánòò** a charmer  
**bendera** [bèndérà] *noun*  
flag. *illò bèndérà* hoisting flag  
**bene** [bèné] *adverb*  
also, too, as well. *én bènè òmérā* he too is my brother  
**benge** [béngéé] *noun*  
bank

**ber** [bèèr] *adjective*  
1 good, nice, beautiful  
2 of good behaviour; well behaved. *kítte bèèr* she is well mannered  
PLU *bècò*  
**bero** [bèrrò] *verb*  
speaking too much  
**beyo** [bèyò] *verb*  
a tree used for making chairs and other furniture  
**-bi** [-bi] *prefix*  
marker of the non-past (future) for emphasis  
**bínnò díkíí** will come tomorrow  
**òbìbínnò díkíí** she will come tomorrow  
**bi** [bí] *verb*  
1 to press, squeeze, compress in order to get juice out of  
2 to strain by compression  
*bíi lèmuún* squeeze lemon to obtain juice  
*bíi kòngò* strain beer  
**bic** [bíic] *adverb*  
full to the brim  
**bicu** [bícu] *noun*  
cave, den  
**bic** [bíic] *noun*  
1 compression  
2 straining  
3 squeezing  
**bil** [bíil] *verb*  
(to) taste  
**bíllèè** can be tasted  
**bíllò** tasting  
**bil** [bíil] *verb*  
(to) wet, soak, drench



**bíllèè** can be soaked, made wet, drenched  
**bìllò** soaking, drenching, wetting  
**bila** [bilà] *noun*  
 a small wind musical instrument made from animal horns  
**bito** [bìllò] *verb*  
 taming, charming  
**bilo** [bìlò] *noun*  
 charcoal  
 ALSO *màkár*  
**bilo** [bìllò] *noun*  
 soaking, drenching  
**bim** [bíim] *noun*  
 baboon  
**bin** [bíin] *verb*  
 (to) come  
*bíin káány* come here  
*bínnò* the coming  
*bínnò nē pē ngéénneē* her coming is not for sure  
**binika** [bínikà] *noun*  
 teapot, kettle  
 ARA *binika*  
**binjali** [bínjálì] *noun*  
 curry powder  
 SWA *binzari*  
**binyo** [bínnyò] *noun*  
 1 twisting, curling, weaving  
 2 wringing clothes  
**bir** [bíir] *verb*  
 (to) sprout, germinate *káál òbíir woko* the millet is sprouting  
*bírrò* germinating  
**bir** [bíir] *verb*  
 (to) fill the pot to brim

**bit** [bíit] *adjective*  
 1 (of a thing) pointed, sharp  
 2 (of a person) having a sharp tongue  
 3 having sharp eyes  
 4 a sharp marksman  
*lébé bíit* she has a sharp tongue  
*pàlà mábíit* a sharp knife  
**bit** [bíit] *verb*  
 to entice, lure, trap  
*bíit kī púul* entice it with groundnuts  
**bíttèè** can be enticed  
**bittò** enticing  
**bit** [bíit] *verb*  
 (of groundnuts) to unshell  
**bíttèè** can be unshelled  
**bíft** unshelling  
**bito** [bittò] *noun*  
 unshelling  
**biyo** [bíyyò] *verb*  
 squeezing, pressing  
**boc** [bòc] *noun*  
 wrapping, packaging  
**boco** [bòccò] *adjective*  
 long, tall  
 SGL **bòcòr**  
**bod** [bòd] *verb*  
 (to) mislead, lead astray  
**bòddèè** can be distracted, enticed  
**bòddò** distracting or drawing  
**bodo** [bòddò] *noun*  
 distracting, drawing  
**bodaboda** [bòdà bódà] *noun*  
 motorcycles or similar means of transport  
**bok** [bòc] *verb*  
 to become brown, redden

**bòkkèè** can be made brown  
**bòkkò** browning  
**bok** [bòc] *verb*  
 (to) narrate, tell, converse  
**bòkkèè** can be narrated  
**bòkkò** narrating  
**boko** [bòkkò] *verb*  
 (to) boil maize, groundnuts, cassava etc.  
**bol** [bòl] *noun*  
 1 shaft of spear  
 2 hoe handle  
**bol** [bòl] *verb*  
 1 (to) throw  
 2 (to) cast a laughter  
*bòllò nyérròd* casting a laughter  
**bóllèè** can be thrown  
**bòllè** throw it to him  
**bòllò** the act of throwing  
**bolo** [bòlò] *noun*  
 a temporary shelter  
**bolo bolo** [bòlò bòlò] *adverb*  
 1 tied loosely  
 2 softly ripened  
**boma** [bòmə] *noun*  
 town  
**bomo** [bòmò] *noun*  
 a headband worn usually when twins die  
**boni** [bònì] *noun*  
 a tree species with a toxic sap  
**bónò wìc** receding hair  
**bong** [bòng] *noun*  
 beehive  
*bòng kíf* bee hive  
**bong** [bòng] *verb*  
 1 pass the hand over and feel; caress

2 touch  
*bòng nyímèè* feel his face (with your hands)  
**bónngèè** can be felt, touched  
**bónngò** passing the hand over and feeling, touching  
**bong** [bòng] *adverb*  
 not  
*bòng ángèè* I did not know  
**bongo** [bòngò] *verb*  
 clothes, clothing  
**boo** [bò] *adverb*  
 used in question to ascertain. *íkèllò bò?* have you brought it?  
**boo** [bò] *noun*  
 cowpea leaves; the leaves as vegetable  
**boo** [bò] *verb*  
 (to) wrap  
*bò kī kàràtác* wrap in a paper  
**bor** [bòr] *adjective*  
 1 long, tall  
 2 far  
 PLU **bòcò**  
**boro** [bòrò] *noun*  
 cave  
**boro** [bòrrò] *noun*  
 (to) praise  
*bòrrò kī wèèr* praising with songs  
**bot** [bòt] *preposition*  
 1 to, from, for  
 2 with  
*tèèr bót òmínnèè* take it to the brother  
**bot** [bòt] *noun*  
 freshly cultivated land

**bot** [bòt] *adjective*  
(of food) tasteless, with not enough salt or seasoning

**bot** [bòt] *verb*  
(of food) to scoop and lap usually with the hands  
**bóttèè** can be lapped  
**bòttò** lapping

**boto** [bòttò] *verb*  
lapping of food with the hands

**boto** [bòttò] *verb*  
(of hens) to peck usually fresh leaves

**boyi** [bòyì] *noun*  
houseboy ENG

**boyo** [bòyyò] *verb*  
wrapping

**buc** [bùc] *verb*  
slipping away from the hands, loose a thing  
*òbùùc kí ícíná* it slipped off my hands  
**búccèè** can slip away

**buc** [bùc] *verb*  
(of fowls) to pluck feathers; groom the self; preen  
**bùccò** plucking the feathers or hair (from animals)

**buc** [bùc] *noun*  
prison  
ARA *maboush*

**buco** [bùccò] *noun*  
plucking feathers

**buk** [bùk] *verb*  
to blow, fan fire  
**bùkkò** blowing, fanning fire

**buk** [bùk] *verb*  
book (ENG)

**buke** [bùkké] *verb*  
(of fowls) grooming themselves usually in sand

**buko** [bùkkò] *verb*  
ritual whirling of a sacrificial hen

**buko** [bùkkò] *verb*  
smoking out an animal

**buko** [bùkkò] *noun*  
fanning fire

**bul** [bùl] *noun*  
drum

**bul** [bùl] *verb*  
roast, grill  
**bùllèè** can be grilled, roasted, broiled  
**bùllò** grilling, broiling

**bulu** [bùlù] *noun*  
youth (male)

**bulu bulu** [bùlù bùlù] *adverb*  
lukewarm, tepid

**bum** [bùum] *verb*  
(to) swindle

**bum** [bùum] *noun*  
swindling, conning  
**búmmá** swindling  
**búmmèè** can be swindled  
**bùmmò** swindling

**bumo** [bùmmò] *noun*  
swindling

**bun** [bùun] *noun*  
coffee  
ARA *buun*  
ALSO *òméén*

**bunga** [bùngá] *noun*  
forest

**bungo** [bùngó] *noun*  
a temporary shelter

**buny** [bùny] *verb*

(to) smile  
**búnnyóó** smiling

**bunyo** [bùnnýò] *noun*  
smiling

**bur** [bùur] *verb*  
threaten, intimidate  
**búrrà** intimidation, threats  
**búrrèè** can be intimidated, threatened  
**bùrrò** intimidating, threatening

**bur** [bùur] *noun*  
wound  
*bùur àdólá* ulcer of the leg

**bur** [bùur] *noun*  
hole, pit  
*bùur còròon* pit latrine

**bura** [bùrá] *noun*  
intimidation, threats

**bura** [bùráà] *noun*  
cat  
ALSO **púuc**

**bure** [bùré] *noun*  
an antelope species

**buruji** [bùrùjì] *noun*  
trumpet, bugle  
SWA *buruzi*

**buro** [bùrrò] *noun*  
threatening, intimidating

**buru** [bùrù] *noun*  
ash

**buryanga** [bùryàngá] *noun*  
a cow species with long horns

**but** [bùut] *verb*  
1 (of a thing) to slip off the hands, escape  
2 (of a person, prisoner, animal) to slip, escape

3 narrowly escape being punished, harmed etc.

**but** [bùut] *noun*  
side, flank  
*bùut kitándà* side of the bed

**but** [bùut] *verb*  
(to) lie down  
*bùut káány* lie down here  
**bùttò** 1 lying down 2 lying down to rest, sleep  
*cùt kà bùttò* go and lie down to sleep

**but** [bùut] *noun*  
boots (ENG)

**buto** [bùttò] *noun*  
1 sleeping  
2 lying (down)

**buyu** [bùyyù] *adverb*  
(of a predator) narrowly miss pouncing a prey

**bwac** [bwàac] *verb*  
(to) graze the skin

**bwami** [bwámmí] *noun*  
swindling, corruption

**bwaro** [bwàrrò] *verb*  
talking nonsense

**bwo** [bwòò] *verb*  
1 (to) win  
2 (to) defeat, overcome  
ALSO **lōō, lòō**  
**bwòyyò** defeating

**bwoc** [bwóóc] *noun*  
winning, defeating, overcoming

**bwoc** [bwòóc] *adjective*  
difficult, failure

**bwog** [bwóóg] *noun*  
miscarriage  
**bwóggèè** can be aborted  
**bwòggò** miscarrying

**bwogo** [bwògò] *noun*  
butter still to be processed

**bwogo** [bwòggò] *noun*  
miscarrying

**bwol** [bwòól] *verb*  
1 (to) deceive  
2 (to) tell lies  
**bwóllá** deception, lying  
**bwóllèè** self deception  
**bwóllèè** can be deceived  
**bwóllè** deceive him  
**bwóllò** deceiving

**bwolo** [bwóllò] *noun*  
deceiving

**bwola** [bwóllá] *noun*  
deception

**bwola** [bwóllá] *noun*  
a royal dance performed usually during enthralling of, funeral of or entertainment of a chief

**bwom** [bwòòm] *noun*  
wing

**bwon** [bwòòn] *verb*  
(to) deride a thing being offered as not enough  
**bwònnò** overlooking a gift as inadequate

**bwon** [bwóón] *noun*  
deriding a thing, believing that it is not enough  
**bwònnò** a feeling that a thing being offered is not enough

**bwong** [bwòòng] *adjective*  
young  
**bwóóng dyààng** a heifer

**bwot** [bwòòt] *verb*  
1 (to) escape  
2 (to) survive

3 (to) escape narrowly with one's life

**bwot** [bwòòt] *verb*  
1 (to) desist from pursuing an issue further; leave it alone  
2 to leave behind  
**bwóttèè** can be left alone, behind

**bwoto** [bwóttò] *noun*  
1 desisting from pursuing a course of action  
2 leaving behind, giving up on

**bwoto** [bwòtó] *noun*  
a person skilled in a job

**bwoyo** [bwòyyò] *verb*  
defeating, overcoming

**bwoyo** [bwòyyò] *noun* foam, froth, bubble

**bwum** [bwúúm] *noun*  
swindling, cheating  
**bwúmmòò** swindling, cheating

**bye** [byèè] *noun*  
1 termite  
2 anthill

**byel** [byèèl] *verb*  
(to) straddle a baby on the back  
**byéllèè** can be carried on the back  
**byèllò** the act of carrying a baby on the back

**byelo** [byèllò] *noun*  
carrying (a child) on the back

**byen wang** [byèèn wààng] *noun*  
eyebrow, eyelid

**byeny** [byèèny] *adverb*  
(of an arrow) narrowly miss the target

**byero** [byèrò] *noun*  
afterbirth, placenta

## C c

**ca** [càà] *adverb*  
over there; there  
**én cáá!** there she is!  
ALSO **cáá**

**caa** [càà] *noun*  
1 hour, time, period  
2 watch, clock  
ALSO **cáwà**

**caa** [càà] *verb*  
(to) despise, look down upon  
**pèè ícàà dánòò** do not despise people

**caar** [cààr] *adjective*  
1 (of a person) careless, clumsy  
2 (of morality) loose  
**nyákò mã cáár** a loose girl  
**cárròò** being of or having a loose character  
ALSO **cáár**

**caar** [cààr] *verb*  
1 (to) shine a light on to the eye etc  
2 (to) dazzle  
**càrrò** shining light on the eyes

**caat** [cààt] *noun*  
1 trading  
2 business

**caat** [cààt] *verb*  
1 (to) sell, trade

2 (to) do business  
**cáttèè** can be sold, traded  
**càttò** trading, selling

**caaro** [càrrò] *verb*  
shining a light in the eyes; dazzling

**cab** [cááb] *noun*  
defamation, humiliation  
**làcàáb nyííng** one who speaks ill of a person

**cabe** [càbbèè] *verb*  
of reputation to suffer

**cabit** [càbùt] *noun*  
1 week  
2 Sunday  
**càbít àcèèl** one week  
**cèèng càbít** Sunday

**cabo** [càbbò] *noun*  
ruining one's name

**cabun** [càbùùn] *noun* soap  
SWA *sabuni*

**cac** [cáác] *noun*  
1 disdain  
2 despising

**cac** [cáác] *adverb*  
lift swiftly with ease

**cace** [càccèè] *verb*  
to struggle to make end meet

**caco** [càccò] *noun*  
grinding  
**càccò pùùl** grinding ground-nuts

**cadatt** [càdáát] *noun*  
bathing shelter

**caden** [càdèèèn] *noun*  
witness

**cado** [càddòò] *verb*  
having a running stomach



**cado** [càddò] *noun*  
diarrhoea, dysentery

**cai** [cái] *noun*  
1 tea  
2 bribery  
SWA *chai*

**cak** [cààk] *noun*  
milk

**cak** [cààk] *verb*  
start, commence  
**càkkèè** can be started; starts from, on  
**càkkèè** the beginning  
**càkkò** starting, commencing

**caka** [càkkàà] *noun*  
chatting

**cako** [càkkò] *verb*  
1 starting  
2 being baptised  
*càkkò nyíng* being baptised  
*càkkò kwáán* start going to school

**cal** [cáál] *noun*  
1 picture, photograph  
2 drawing, illustration

**cal** [cáál] *adjective, noun*  
1 alike  
2 resemblance  
3 alikeness

**calo** [cállòò] *conjunction*  
1 like  
2 as, as if  
*ínèñen cállò lək̀wòò* you look like a thief

**cam** [cáám] *noun*  
food

**cam** [càām] *verb*  
(to) eat  
*càmmò dèñen* getting into debt

**cámmèè** can be eaten  
**càmmò** 1 eating 2 getting into debt

**camo** [càmmò] *noun*  
eating

**can** [càān] *verb*  
(to) pile, heap

**can** [cáán] *noun*  
(food) plate  
ARA *sahaan*

**can** [càān] *noun*  
poverty

**can** [càān] *verb*  
(to) disturb, trouble  
*pèpè ícāān dānòò* do not disturb people

**canduk** [càndùk] *noun*  
box, suitcase  
SWA *sanduki*

**cane** [cànnèè] *verb*  
(to) struggle to make ends meet.

**cano** [cànnò] *verb*  
heaping, piling

**cano** [cànnò] *verb*  
disturbing, troubling

**cang** [cāāng] *verb*  
(to) heal  
*cànnngò* healing

**cany** [càāny] *adverb*  
(of hair) plenty

**cany** [càāny] *verb*  
(to) hit with a stone  
*cànnnyò* hitting

**caran** [càràān] *noun*  
sewing machine  
SWA *carani*

**caro** [càrò] *noun*  
rural area

**carolok** [càròlòk] *noun*  
words of wisdom; parable, proverb

**cati** [cátì] *noun*  
shirt (ENG)

**cato** [càttò] *verb*  
staggering

**cayo** [càyyò] *verb*  
1 despising  
2 underestimating

**ce** [cè] *conjunction*  
(used in questions) won't..., don't...etc.  
*pè ímíttò cè?* So, don't you want it?  
ALSO *cè ká, ká cè*

**cec** [cèèc] *noun*  
snatching

**cedo** [cèddò] *verb*  
roasting especially of ground-nuts, meat

**cee** [cèè] *verb*  
(to) swoop and snatch

**ceer** [cèèr] *verb*  
(to) slip

**ceer** [cèèr] *verb*  
(to) rise from death

**ceer** [cèèr] *verb*  
1 (to) row  
2 (of grain) spread out to dry

**ceg** [cèèg] *verb*  
(to) close door, box etc.  
*cèggèè* can be closed  
*cèggò* closing, shutting

**cego** [cègò] *adjective*  
short  
SGL *cèèk*

**cek** [cèèk] *adjective*

short  
PLU *cèègò*

**cek** [cèèk] *verb*  
1 (of fruits) to ripen  
2 (of food) to cook  
3 (of beer) to complete fermentation  
4 (of grain) be ready for harvest

**ceko** [cèkkò] *verb*  
producing simsim

**cel** [cèèl] *noun*  
fence

**cel** [cèèl] *verb*  
(to) fry  
*cèllèè* can be fried  
*cèllò* frying

**cel** [cèèl] *noun*  
(to) fence, enclose  
*cèllèè* can be fenced  
*cèllò* fencing

**cei** [cèèl] *noun*  
a net for hanging utensils from the roof

**cel** [cèèl] *verb*  
1 (to) shoot  
2 (to) hit with stones; throw stones at  
*cèllèè* throwing stones at each other; shooting at each other  
*cèllèè* can be stoned, shot at  
*cèllò* stoning, shooting

**celo** [cèllò] *noun*  
bird species, a sparrow

**celo** [cèllò] *noun*  
1 frying  
2 fencing, enclosing

**celo** [cèllò] *noun*  
 1 pelting, hurling stones  
 at, stoning  
 2 shooting

**cen** [cèɛn] *adverb*  
 still to come, behind

**cen** [cèɛn] *noun*  
 spirits, often vengeful one  
 of the dead

**cen** [cèɛn] *verb*  
 (to) curse, put a spell on  
**cènnò** cursing, casting a  
 spell on

**cente** [cèntè] *noun*  
 money

**ceno** [cèndò] *noun*  
 loin cloth (of women)

**ceng** [cèɛng] *noun*  
 1 sun  
 2 day of the week  
 3 day time  
**cèɛng càbíít** Sunday  
**dyèè cèɛng** during the day

**ceng** [cèɛng] *adverb*  
 in the past

**cer** [cèɛr] *verb*  
 (to) insist on doing a thing  
**cèrrò lèòk** insisting on an  
 issue  
**cèrrèè** insisting upon do-  
 ing a thing  
**cèrrè** she is insisting upon

**cere** [cére] *noun*  
 whip made usually from  
 hippopotamus hide  
 ALSO **àníndò**

**cere** [cére] *noun*  
 a steep piece of land up-  
 wards, hill

**cere** [cèrrèè] *verb*  
 (to) insist on doing a thing  
 one is not capable of, or  
 not wanted to do  
**cèrrò** insistence

**cero** [cèrrò] *verb*  
 1 drive animal by hunters  
 2 to insist

**ceyo** [cèyyò] *verb*  
 snatching.

**ci** [cí] *conjunction*  
 but, then

**ci** [cí] *noun*  
 wife of  
**cí wóddā** my son's wife; daugh-  
 ter in law

**cib** [cìb] *verb*  
 (to) gently and carefully  
 place, put a thing in a place  
**cìbbèè** can be gently placed,  
 put in place  
**cìbbò** placing a thing gen-  
 tly in a place

**cid** [cìd] *verb*  
 1 (to) blacken  
 2 (to) make a thing dirty

**cid** [cìd] *verb*  
 (to) clean or polish the grind-  
 ing stone  
**cìd wì kìddī** clean the grind-  
 ing stone

**cida** [cida] *noun*  
 bed made from from Y-shaped  
 poles dug into the ground  
 as the legs

**cik** [cìk] *verb*  
 (to) instruct  
**cìkkèè** can be instructed  
**cìkkè** instruct her

**cìkkèè** instructing each other  
**cìkkò** instructing

**cik** [cìk] *verb*  
 (to) lay traps  
**cìkkèè** can be trapped  
**cìkkò** laying traps

**cik** [cìk] *noun*  
 1 law, rules, regulations  
 2 the Commandment  
**CFR óór**

**ciko** [cìkkò] *noun*  
 1 instructing 2 laying traps

**cil** [cìl] *adjective*  
 clean  
 ALSO **lèng**

**cilo** [cìlò] *adjective*  
 dirt

**cim** [cìm] *verb*  
 (to) point to; point at; point  
 out  
**cìmmèè** can be pointed out,  
 at, to  
**cìmmè** point her out, point  
 at her  
**cìmmò** pointing at, to, out

**cim** [cìm] *noun*  
 telephone SWA **simu**

**cimo** [cìmmò] *noun*  
 pointing to; pointing out

**cin** [cìn] *noun*  
 1 intestine  
 2 tripe

**cing** [cìng] *noun*  
 hand

**cir** [cìr] *verb*  
 (to) endure, tolerate  
**cìrrèè** can be endured  
**cìrrò** enduring, putting up  
 with

**ciro** [cìrrò] *noun*  
 enduring

**cirikali** [cìrìkálí] *noun*  
 soldier  
 SWA **shrikali**

**cit** [cìt] *verb*  
 (to) go  
**cittò** going

**cito** [cittò] *noun*  
 going

**citam** [citàám] *noun*  
 stamp (ENG)

**citecen** [cìtècèn] *noun*  
 station (police, train etc)  
 (ENG)

**cito** [cittò] *verb*  
 putting up with, enduring  
**cittò cààn** enduring poverty

**cito** [cittò] *verb*  
 going

**cob** [còòb] *verb*  
 spear, pierce  
**cóbbèè** can be speared, stabbed  
**cóbbè** stab him  
**cóbbò** stabbing

**cob** [còòb] *verb*  
 (to) finish, complete  
**cóbbèè** can be completed  
**cóbbò** completing

**cobo** [còbò] *noun*  
 piercing, stabbing

**cobo** [còbbò] *noun*  
 completing

**coc** [cóóc] *noun*  
 1 writing  
 2 sowing

**cod** [còòd] *verb*  
 (to) break, snap  
**còddò** breaking off, snap-  
 ping

**codo** [còddò] *noun*  
snapping, breaking off

**coga** [cògá] *noun*  
castor oil tree. seed

**cogi** [còggí] *adjective*  
(a bunch of) big, huge things

**cogo** [cògò] *noun*  
bone

**cogo** [cògò] *noun*  
last born  
CFR káyòdò

**cok** [còòk] *verb*  
(to) collect, gather

**cok** [còòk] *adjective*  
near

**cok** [còòk] *adverb*  
in the near future, soon

**cok** [còòk] *verb*  
(of rain) to cease

**cokci** [còkci] *noun*  
socks (ENG)

**coke** [còkkèè] *verb*  
coming together; gathering, assembling, collecting

**coko** [còkkò] *verb*  
bringing together; collecting, gathering, assembling

**coko** [còkkò] *verb*  
connecting poles together

**coke** [còól] *adjective*  
1 black  
2 dark  
3 dirty  
cwínnnyé cóól he is evil hearted

**col** [còól] *verb*  
assist a woman giving birth

**cola** [còlá] *noun*  
state of mourning

**com** [còòm] *verb*  
(to) fix a hoe handle

**còmmò** fixing a hoe handle

**com** [còòm] *verb*  
(to) converge upon a person

**còmmò** converging upon a person

**coom** [còòm] *verb*  
(to) pour

**comoro** [còmòrò] *noun*  
a tree whose leaves can be used as sandpaper

**con** [còòn] *adverb*  
1 in the past  
2 early  
òdìkò còòn early in the morning

**cong** [còòng] *noun*  
knee  
cònnḡa my knees

**conglum** [còònglùùm] *noun*  
grass stalk

**cony** [còòny] *verb*  
make a hole in polenta

**conya** [cònyà] *noun*  
abuse

**coo** [còò] *verb*  
(to) write

**coo** [còò] *verb*  
(to) sow

**coo** [còò] *noun*  
1 men  
2 husbands  
SGL làcòò

**coo** [còò] *verb*  
1 (to) wake up  
2 (to) rise

**coo** [còò] *adjective*  
(of smell) pungent, foul

**coo** [còò] *noun*  
guinea worm

**coo** [còò] *noun*  
porcupine

**coo** [còò] *noun*  
boundary

**coor** [còòr] *verb*  
(to) push

**coro** [còrò] *noun*  
a board game, which may be dug on the ground, having rows and columns

**coro** [còrrò] *verb*  
pushing

**coro** [còrrò] *verb*  
wasting money

**cot** [còót] *noun* making love

**cot** [còòt] *verb*  
(to) snap, break

**cot** [còót] *verb*  
reaching puberty

**coto** [còtò] *noun* mud

**coto** [còtò] *verb* snapping, breaking

**coto** [còtò] *verb*  
pounding a wet cassava, groundnut

**coyo** [còyyò] *verb*  
1 waking  
2 rising up

**coyo** [còyyò] *verb*  
1 writing  
2 sewing

**cub** [cùüb] *verb*  
stab, spear  
cùbbèè can be stabbed  
cùbbèè stabbing each other  
cùbbò stabbing, spearing

**cubu** [cùbù] *adverb*  
splashing noise made by a thing falling in water

**cubo** [cùbbò] *noun*  
stabbing, spearing

**cuc** [cùüc] *adverb*  
really black  
còól ní cùüc completely dark

**cuce** [cùccèè] *verb*  
to hang around for a thing

**cuci** [cùcì] *noun*  
husks, chaff

**cud** [cùüd] *verb*  
to kill a person already dying

**cude** [cùddèè] *verb*  
assisting in death

**cudo** [cùddò] *verb*  
killing a person already dying

**cudu** [cùddù] *adjective*  
protruding, jutting out

**cugu** [cùgù] *noun*  
ants

**cuk** [cùúk] *noun*  
market  
ARA shouk

**cuk** [cùük] *verb*  
1 encourage to do usually an unpleasant thing  
2 (of a dog) set on a target

**cuka** [cùkà] *noun*  
bedsheet

**cukari** [cùkàrì] *noun*  
sugar (ENG)

**cuke** [cùkkèè] *verb*  
1 (to) try to  
2 (to) attempt

**cuku** [cùkkù] *verb*  
urging



**cul** [cùul] *verb*  
 (to) plug holes  
 cùllèè can be plugged  
 cùllò plugging

**cul** [cùul] *noun*  
 payment

**cul** [cùul] *verb*  
 (to) pay  
 cùllò bányá paying debts  
 cùllèè 1 can be paid 2 paying the self  
 cùllò paying

**cul** [cùul] *verb*  
 (to) avenge, revenge; pay back  
 cùllò wààng avenging, revenging, pay back

**cul** [cùul] *verb*  
 1 (to) dilute  
 2 (to) pour cold water into hot water or vise versa  
 3 (to) add more water into a sauce

**cula** [cùlá] *noun*  
 an island

**cula** [cùlá] *adjective*  
 alone

**culo** [cùllò] *verb*  
 diluting a thing with more water

**culo** [cùllò] *noun*  
 1 paying  
 2 avenging  
 3 plugging

**culu** [cùllú] *adverb*  
 splashing sound of a thing falling in water

**cun** [cùun] *noun*  
 penis

**cun** [cùun] *verb*  
 court (a girl)  
 cùnnà courtship  
 cùnnèè flirting  
 cùnnò courting

**cuno** [cùnnò] *noun*  
 courting

**cung** [cùũg] *verb*  
 1 stand  
 2 stop, halt  
 3 contest an election  
 cùnggù standing, contesting an election, halting

**cung kal** [cùung káal] *noun*  
 millet chaff

**cunge** [cùnggèè] *verb*  
 can be pressed

**cungu** [cùnnngù] *noun*  
 1 standing  
 2 contesting

**cuny** [cùũny] *verb*  
 build

**cupa** [cùpà] *noun*  
 bottle

**cupuria** [cùpùriá] *noun*  
 saucepan  
 SWA *sufuria*

**cur** [cùùur] *verb*  
 pound

**cur** [cùùr] *verb*  
 pour a large amount of water

**cura** [cùrà] *noun*  
 chapter

**cura** [cùráá] *noun*  
 mathematics, arithmetics

**curu** [cùrrù] *verb*  
 1 pounding of millet  
 2 adding water

**curu buk** [cùurù búúk] *noun*  
 bellow

**curuwal** [cùrùwáal] *noun*  
 pair of trousers  
 SWA *suruwaal*

**cut** [cùùt] *adverb*  
 happening immediately, right now

**cut** [cùùt] *noun*  
 suit (ENG)

**cur** [cùùr] *verb*  
 (to) groan

**cwaa** [cwàá] *noun*  
 tamarind

**cwac** [cwàác] *adverb*  
 (modifies long) really long, far. *bòòr ní cwàác* really long, far

**cwak** [cwàák] *noun* jaw

**cwak** [cwàák] *verb*  
 (to) support, come to the aid of, defend  
 cwàkkèè can be defended, supported  
 cwàkkè support, defend her  
 cwàkkò defending, supporting

**cwak** [cwàák] *verb*  
 stoke fire

**cwak obo** [cwàák òbòò] *noun*  
 a pole to which hunting nets are tied

**cwako** [cwàkkò] *noun*  
 supporting, defending

**cwal** [cwàal] *verb*  
 (to) send  
 cwàllèè can be sent  
 cwàllè send her  
 cwàllò sending

**cwalo** [cwàllò] *noun*  
 sending

**cwar** [cwààr] *noun*  
 husband  
 cwàrrá my husband  
 cwàrrè her husband  
 cwàrrí your husband

**cware** [cwàrè] *noun*  
 bedbugs

**cwe** [cwèè] *verb*  
 (to) create, make, knit, mould

**cwe** [cwèè] *noun*  
 creating, creation  
 cwèyyò creating, moulding

**làcwèèc** creator; God

**cwe** [cwèè] *noun*  
 meat soup

**cwe** [cwèé] *verb*  
 1 (to) be fat  
 2 (to) become fat  
 cwèyyò becoming fat, putting on weight

**cwec** [cwèéc] *noun*  
 1 being fat  
 2 becoming fat

**cwer** [cwèèr] *verb*  
 1 (to) leak  
 2 (to) bleed

**cwer** [cwèèr] *verb*  
 (to) plane wood

**cwero** [cwèèrò] *verb*  
 planing wood

**cwet** [cwétà] *noun*  
 sweater, pullover (ENG)

**cweyo** [cwèyyò] *noun*  
 creating, moulding

**cwi** [cwí] *verb*  
 (to) suck

**cwic** [cwíic] *noun*  
sucking  
**cwiny** [cwíiny] *noun*  
1 heart  
2 sentiments, emotions  
*cwínnnyé cwéè* he is upset  
**cwiny** [cwíiny] *verb*  
(of water etc level) to dip,  
fall low, reduce  
**cwiny** [cwíiny] *verb*  
(of polenta) to dip into sauce  
**cwiny** [cwíiny] *verb*  
1 to light  
2 set alight  
**cwinnyò** setting alight, light-  
ing  
**cwinyo** [cwínnnyò] *noun*  
1 (to) be stung by a bee  
etc  
2 (to) set alight; torch  
**cwir** [cwíir] *noun*  
rainy season  
**cwit** [cwíít] *noun*  
sweet (ENG)

## D d

**daa** [dàà] *verb*  
(to) quarrel  
*dàà mọ̀n* unceasing rain  
**daa** [dàà] *noun*  
quarrelling, bickering  
**daa** [dàà] *noun*  
1 grandmother  
2 mother of one's husband;  
mother in law  
*dàà nā* my grandmother,  
my mother in law

*dàà wà* our grandmother,  
our mother in law  
**daa** [dàà] *verb*  
(to) enlarge, widen  
**daa-** [dàā-] *prefix*  
lady, woman  
ALSO **dáá**  
*dàà àbíláà* a woman who  
looks after the ancestral shrine  
*dáá kẹ̀r* royal wife; queen  
*dáá cwíiny* beloved wife,  
favourite wife  
*dáá tòdò* widower  
**dab** [dàāb] *verb*  
(to) sew or stitch up tem-  
porarily and hurriedly  
*dàbbò* sewing up temporar-  
ily  
**daba** [dàbà] *noun*  
mud  
**dad** [dàād] *verb*  
(to) cut open, split open  
*dàddò* cutting open  
**dag** [dàāg] *verb*  
(to) refuse, reject; to not  
like  
ALSO **déég**  
*dàggò* hating, hatred, re-  
fusals  
**dag** [dàāg] *noun*  
refusal, rejection, hatred  
ALSO **déég**  
**dago** [dàggò] *noun*  
refusing, refecting  
**dak** [dàāk] *adjective*  
a large utensil  
*dàāk kwọ̀n* cooking uten-  
sil  
**dak** [dàāk] *verb*

move to another area; im-  
migrate  
**dako** [dákóó] *noun*  
1 woman  
2 wife  
*dákó nā* my wife  
PLU **mọ̀n**  
**dan** [dàān] *noun*  
palate  
**dan** [dàān] *noun*  
inner top part of house; ceil-  
ing  
**dano** [dánòò] *noun*  
human being, person  
**dang** [dāng] *verb*  
(to) scrape especially meat  
from the skin  
**dany** [dàāny] *adverb*  
scatter in all direction when  
in flight  
**dany** [dàāny] *verb*  
1 (to) part hair  
2 (to) part ways  
**danyo** [dānyò] *verb* separat-  
ing, parting  
**danyu** [dànyú] *noun*  
rainbow  
**dar** [dàār] *verb*  
(to) separate or clean by  
sorting out  
**dat** [dàāt] *verb*  
(to) spear several times  
**dawa** [dàwà] *noun*  
medicine  
SWA *dawa*  
ALSO **yààt**  
**dayo** [dàyyò] *noun*  
being a grandmother  
**dayo** [dàyyò] *verb*  
widening

**debe** [dẹ̀bẹ̀] *noun*  
tin of about four gallons  
SWA *debbe*  
**dec** [dẹ̀éc] *verb*  
retching, puking, vomit-  
ing  
**dec** [dẹ̀éc] *noun*  
strangulation  
**ded** [dẹ̀dẹ̀] *verb*  
open by force  
**dede** [dẹ̀dẹ̀] *adjective*  
(of water) lukewarm  
**dee** [dẹ̀e] *verb*  
(to) strangle  
*dènnèè* to strangle each  
other, the self  
*dénèè* can be strangled  
*dènnò* strangling  
**dee** [dẹ̀e] *verb*  
(to) adorn, make beauti-  
ful  
**dee** [dẹ̀e] *verb*  
pride  
**dek** [dẹ̀èk] *noun*  
(meat, vegetable, etc) sauce  
*dèèk bòò* vegetable (cow peas  
leaves) sauce  
*dèèk rịngọ* meat sauce  
**deel** [dẹ̀èl] *noun*  
skin, hide  
*dẹ̀èl ràà* hippopotamus hide  
**deel** [dẹ̀èl] *verb*  
(to) keep an eye on  
**dem** [dẹ̀èm] *adjective*  
tired  
**dem** [dẹ̀èm] *verb*  
cut a big chunk  
**den** [dẹ̀èn] *noun*  
debt, loan

SWA *den*  
 ALSO **bányá**  
**den** [dɛ̃n] *verb*  
 (to) borrow, loan  
*dɛ̃nnò cààn* enduring poverty;  
 suffering  
*dɛ̃nnɛ̃* can be borrowed  
 or loaned  
*dɛ̃nnɛ̃* loan him or her  
*dɛ̃nnò* loaning, borrowing  
 SWA *den*  
**deno** [dɛ̃nnò] *noun*  
 loaning, borrowing  
**der** [dɛ̃r] *verb*  
 (to) decorate  
**der** [dɛ̃r] *noun*  
 strangulating the self; com-  
 mitting suicide  
**dero** [dɛ̃rò] *noun*  
 granary  
**det** [dɛ̃t] *adjective*  
 fresh  
**deyo** [dɛ̃yyò] *noun*  
 ornament  
**deyo** [dɛ̃yyò] *verb*  
 strangling  
**did** [dɪ̃d] *verb*  
 insist  
**dii** [dɪ̃] *verb*  
 press, persevere  
**dil** [dɪ̃l] *verb*  
 stuff, compress, press  
*dɪ̃lɛ̃* can be stuffed, com-  
 pressed, pressed  
*dɪ̃llò* stuffing, compress-  
 ing  
**dilo** [dɪ̃llò] *noun*  
 stuffing, compressing  
**dim** [dim] *noun*  
 spike

**din** [dɪ̃n] *verb*  
 (to) thresh grain  
*dɪ̃nnɛ̃* can be threshed  
*dɪ̃nnò* threshing  
**dini** [dɪ̃nɪ] *noun*  
 religion  
 SWA *dini*  
**dino** [dɪ̃nnò] *verb*  
 softening hide  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *adjective*  
 narrow  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *verb*  
 (to) strain beer  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *noun*  
 chin  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *verb*  
 (to) coerce  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *adjective*  
 numb  
**ding** [dɪ̃ng] *noun*  
 deafness  
**dingi dingi** [dɪ̃ngɪ dɪ̃ngɪ] *noun*  
 a dance displaying elegance,  
 beauty and adeptness, usu-  
 ally by girls  
**dingo** [dɪ̃ngò] *verb*  
 straining local beer *kwètè*  
**dir** [dɪ̃r] *verb*  
 1 (to) move away  
 2 (to) edge backward or  
 forward  
*dɪ̃rrɛ̃ cɛ̃n* move back  
*dɪ̃rrɛ̃* can be moved  
*dɪ̃rrɛ̃* move back, away  
*dɪ̃rrò* moving  
**dira** [dɪ̃rɔ] *noun*  
 communal work done by  
 women  
**dirica** [dɪ̃rɪcɔ] *noun*  
 window

SWA *dirisa*  
 ALSO **wààng òt**  
**diro** [dɪ̃rrò] *noun*  
 craftmanship, skill  
**diro** [dɪ̃rrò] *noun*  
 1 edging closer or farther  
 2 moving a thing  
**dit** [dɪ̃t] *noun*  
 art, skill  
**diyo** [dɪ̃yyò] *verb*  
 pressing, compressing  
**do** [dò] *adverb*  
 used for assurance  
*àwáccò dò* I did inform her!  
**dob** [dòb] *noun*  
 treachery  
**dobo** [dòbbò] *noun*  
 betraying  
**dobo** [dòbò] *noun*  
 leprosy  
*làdòbò* a leper  
*lùdòbò* lepers  
**dod** [dòd] *verb*  
 (to) pile, stack  
*dòddɛ̃* can be stacked, piled  
*dòddɛ̃* the act of piling,  
 stacking up  
*dòddò* stacking, piling things,  
 stacking  
**dog** [dóóg] *noun*  
 1 mouth  
 2 river source  
 3 beak, brim  
*dóóg óót* door  
**dog** [dóóg] *noun*  
 language  
*dóóg múnū* language of the  
 white people; English  
**dogi** [dògɪ] *noun*

poorly developed beans,  
 nuts etc  
**dogo** [dògò] *noun*  
 tree bark  
**dok** [dòók] *verb*  
 return, go back  
*dòók pácò* go back home  
**dok** [dòók] *verb*  
 to become  
*dókkòd* becomes, becoming  
*dókkò ràc* will become bad  
*dókkò ràc* becoming bad  
**doke** [dòkkéè] *verb*  
 procrastination  
 ALSO **gallèè**  
**doko** [dòkkò] *verb*  
 1 going back, returning  
 2 becoming  
*dókkò làkwòd* becoming a  
 thief  
**dol** [dòól] *verb*  
 (to) fold up, roll up  
*dòól kàbùtò* fold up the sleep-  
 ing things  
*dóllèè* can be folded up  
*dòllò* folding up  
**dol** [dòól] *noun*  
 circular hut structure which  
 rests on the poles  
**dolo** [dòllò] *verb*  
 folding up, rolling up  
**dolo** [dòlò] *noun*  
 colobus monkey  
**dong** [dòòng] *conjunction, ad-*  
*verb*  
 1 then, after  
 2 now  
*dòòng bɛ̃r* it is better now  
**dong** [dòòng] *verb*



1 (to) remain behind  
 2 (to) be left back  
**dong** [dòŋg] *verb*  
 (to) grow, mature, develop  
*dónggò mǎbээр* it is growing well  
*dònggò бээр* growth is good; development is good  
*dònnngò* growing up, developing, maturing  
**dong** [dòŋg] *verb*  
 (to) hit especially with the fist; box  
*dònnngèè* can be hit  
*dònnngò* hitting  
**dong** [dòŋg] *verb*  
 (to) raise an alarm  
*dònnngò òdùùr* raising an alarm  
**dongo** [dònnngò] *verb*  
 growing up, developing  
**dongo** [dònnngò] *verb*  
 hitting, slapping  
**dony** [dòŋny] *verb*  
 1 (to) enter  
 2 (to) grasp a concept, understand  
 3 (to) get out into  
**donyo** [dònnnyò] *verb*  
 1 entering  
 2 enlisting, joining  
 3 understanding  
*òdònnnyò ì wǎ mǎ бээр* I have understood it well  
**donyo** [dònnnyò] *verb*  
 entering, enlisting  
**doo** [dòò] *verb*  
 (to) weed  
*dòyyò* weeding  
**doo** [dòò] *noun*

1 weed  
 2 weeding  
**door** [dòòr] *verb*  
 (to) drill, march  
*dòrrèè* can be drilled  
*dòrrèè* marching  
*dòrrò* the act of marching, drilling  
**dot** [dòòt] *verb*  
 1 (to) suck breast  
 2 (to) suckle  
*dòttèè* can be sucked  
*dòttò* sucking breast  
**dot** [dòòt] *verb*  
 (to) kiss  
 ALSO *nòttò*  
**dot** [dòòt] *verb*  
 (to) accuse  
*dòttèè* can be accused  
*dòttèè* trading accusations  
*dòttò* accusing  
**dot** [dòòt] *noun*  
 accusation  
**doto** [dòttò] *verb*  
 1 sucking breast; being breast fed  
 2 kissing  
**doto** [dòttò] *verb*  
 1 penance, confessing  
 2 accusation, accusing  
*dòttò báál* confessing  
**doyo** [dòyyò] *noun*  
 weeding  
**ducu** [dúcú] *adjective*  
 all  
*gǐn dúcú* all of them  
**dud** [dúú] *noun*  
 buttocks  
**dugu** [dùgú] *verb*

1 swelling  
 2 skin disease  
**duka** [dúkà] *noun*  
 shop  
 SWA *dhuka*  
**dul** [dùl] *verb*  
 coerce  
**dul** [dùl] *verb*  
 stuff things into your mouth  
 etc  
**dul** [dùl] *noun*  
 club as a weapon  
**dula** [dùlá] *noun*  
 granary  
 ALSO *dèrò*  
**dum** [dùum] *verb*  
 (to) speak a foreign language  
**dume** [dùmé] *noun*  
 sorghum species  
**dumu** [dùmmù] *verb*  
 cutting a large piece  
**dumu** [dùmmù] *verb*  
 speaking of a foreign language  
**dung** [dùũg] *verb*  
 (to) frighten with much talk  
*dùnnngò* load with many words  
**duny** [dùũny] *verb*  
 1 (to) wipe clean  
 2 (to) mop a wet surface  
*dùnnnyèè* can be wiped  
*dùnnnyù* wiping, moping  
**duny** [dùũny] *verb*  
 1 (of smoke) to rise  
 2 (to) emit smell  
**dur** [dúúr] *adjective*  
 stingy  
*làdùùr* a stingy person

**dunyo** [dùnnnyò] *noun*  
 (of smoke) rising up  
**dur** [dùūr] *verb*  
 (to) pile, heap  
*dùrrèè* collected together  
*dùrrò* assembling together  
**duru** [dúruù] *verb*  
 (of animal) to be pregnant  
 ALSO *òdúróò*  
**durai** [dúruù] *noun*  
 dregs found at water pot bottom  
**duru** [dùrrò] *noun*  
 assembling things  
**dwad** [dwàäd] *verb*  
 (to) entangle  
*dwàddò* getting entangled  
**dwado** [dwàddò] *noun*  
 entangling  
**dwal** [dwàäl] *verb*  
 1 (to) entangle  
 2 (to) get entangled  
*dwállá* entanglement  
*dwállèè* can be entangled  
*dwállò* entangling  
**dwal** [dwàäl] *verb*  
 (to) knead polenta  
**dwalo** [dwàllò] *noun*  
 entangling  
**dwan** [dwáán] *noun*  
 1 voice  
 2 throat  
**dwar** [dwàär] *noun*  
 hunting  
*dwàrrò* hunting  
**dwaro** [dwàrrò] *noun*  
 hunting  
**dwe** [dwèè] *noun*  
 1 moon  
 2 month

**dwele** [dwèllèè] *verb*  
(of a tall tree) to climb up

**dwengo** [dwènggò] *verb*  
speak fluently

**dwet** [dwèèt] *verb*  
(of the eyes) to water

**dwiny** [dwĩny] *verb*  
crush a thing

**dwir** [dwĩr] *adverb*  
fast, swift

**dwírròò** fastness, swiftness

**dwo** [dwòò] *verb*  
(to) drive

**dwòyyò** driving

**dwoc** [dwóóc] *verb*  
driving

**dwod** [dwòòd] *verb*  
pile

**dwóddèè** can be piled

**dwóddò** piling up

**dwodo** [dwòddò] *verb*  
1 tying goats  
2 piling up

**dwog** [dwòòg] *verb*  
1 (to) go back, return  
2 (to) come back

*dwòòg pácò* come back home

**dwòggò** returning

**dwogo** [dwòggò] *verb*  
returning

**dwok** [dwòòk] *verb*  
(to) return a thing, person

**dwókkèè** can be returned

**dwókkè** 1 return it back to her 2 return her back 3 respond to her; reply her

**dwókkò** returning things

**dwoko** [dwókkò] *verb*  
returning things, people

**dwol** [dwòòl] *noun*  
animal pen; kraal

**dwon** [dwòòn] *verb*  
of a water source to dry up

**dwong** [dwòōng] *verb*  
knock, tap

*dwòōng dógóllà* knock at the door

**dwong** [dwòōng] *adjective*  
big, large, plenty

**dwor** [dwòōr] *verb*  
pamper, indulge

*dwòōr cwárì* indulge your husband

**dwoyo** [dwòyyò] *noun*  
driving

**dyak** [dyààk] *adjective*  
wet

**dyang** [dyààng] *noun*  
cattle, cow

PLU **dyàngí**

**dyangi** [dyàngí] *noun*  
cattle, cows

SGL **dyààng**

**dye** [dyèè] *adjective*  
middle

**dyled** [dyèèd] *verb*  
(to) balance on the head; stack up

**dyèddò** balancing, stacking up

**dyedo** [dyèddò] *noun*  
balancing a thing on the head; stacking up

**dyegi** [dyégí] *noun*  
goats

SGL **dyèèl**

**dyel** [dyèèl] *noun*

goat

PLU **dyégí**

**dyeny** [dyèeny] *verb*  
(to) insist

**dyer** [dyèēr] *verb*  
(of food) to leave some; reserve some

## E e

**e** [-e] *prefix*  
1 short form of the third person pronoun; she, he  
2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive

*òwàccò ní ècámmd lậwợrợ* He said that he ate it yesterday

ALSO **ẹ**

**e** [e-] *suffix*  
1 the short form of third person singular; she, he  
2 the short form used as the benefactive— to, for him, her. *òkèllẹ lậwợrợ* He brought it for her yesterday

3 the short form of the third person pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; reflexive. *àlwòké lậwợrợ* I washed myself yesterday

4 short form of the third person in possessive

*òttèè* her house

ALSO **ẹ**

**ee** [éè] *adverb*  
negation marker, no

*éè pé én* No, she /it is not the one

**ee** [èè] *adverb*  
yes

*èè mẹnno én* yes, that is the one; yes. she is the one

**ego** [ègòò] *demonstrative*  
those (near the addressee)

*gín ègòò* they are those ones

**el** [èèl] *verb*  
1 to raise up, elavate  
2 (of a covered or closed thing) uncover, lift open

*èèl cingí màlò* raise up your hand

**èllèè** can be lifted open

**èllò** opening, lifting open

**elo** [èllò] *verb*  
initiate a thing

*èllò lwéeny* starting a fight

**em** [éém] *noun*  
thigh

**em** [èèm] *noun*  
take, carry

**en** [én] *pronoun*  
full form of the third person sgl; she, it, he

*én èèn* here she is!

**en** [èèn] *adverb*  
this, here

*ènenè* here it is

**ento** [éntóó] *conjunction*  
but, however

**er** [èēr] *verb*  
initiate, instigate

*èēr lwéeny* start a fight

**èrrò** initiating, starting

**ero** [èrrò] *noun*  
starting, initiating  
**ete** [ètté] *verb*  
attempting to do things beyond ones means  
**eyo** [èyò] *adverb*  
yes

## G g

**ga** [gáá] *noun*  
things, property, possession  
ALSO **jémì**, **jámì**  
**ga** [gää] *verb*  
to glance  
**gab** [gääb] *verb*  
to hang up a thing  
*gääb cáál málò* hang up the picture  
**gàbbò** hanging up  
**gab** [gääb] *verb*  
(to) mend  
**gábbèè** can be hung  
**gàbbò** mending  
**gaba** [gàbà] *adverb*  
really tall, extremely tall  
*bòòr ní gàbà* she is really tall  
**gabumente** [gàbùmentè] *noun*  
government (ENG)  
ALSO **gàméntè**  
**gabo** [gàbbò] *noun*  
1 mending  
2 hanging a thing up  
**gabuna** [gábūnà] *noun*  
governor (ENG)

**gac** [gääc] *verb*  
(to) look through corner of the eyes; glance  
**gad** [gääd] *verb*  
to gobble, eat excess amount  
**gàddò** excessive eating  
**gadi gadi** [gàdì gādì] *noun*  
wheelbarrow  
**gado** [gàddò] *noun*  
excessive eating  
**gak** [gääk] *verb*  
1 to remain behind  
2 (to) not come back, return  
**gààk** remaining behind  
**gak** [gääk] *verb*  
(to) grind coarsely; first round of grinding  
**gàkkò** grinding a thing coarsely  
**gako** [gàkkò] *noun*  
grinding coarsely  
**gal** [gää] *verb*  
(to) delay  
**gàllèè** delaying the self  
**gàllò** delaying, holding back  
**gam** [gääm] *verb*  
(to) receive, accept  
**gàmmè** receive him, welcome him  
**gámmèè** can be accepted  
**gàmè** accept her  
**gàmmò** acceptance  
**gam** [gääm] *verb*  
(to) respond, reply  
**gàmmè** respond to her  
**gámmèè** can be responded to  
**gàmmè** respond to her  
**gàmmò** responding to

**gamo** [gàmmò] *noun*  
responding, answering, accepting  
**gan** [gään] *adjective*  
good  
**gànnò** to marvel  
**gano** [gànnò] *noun*  
marvelling  
**gang** [gààng] *noun*  
home, village  
**gango** [gànnò] *verb*  
fencing the homestead  
**gango** [gàngò] *noun*  
ancestral worship place  
**gango** [gàngò] *noun*  
last funeral rites  
**gaar** [gäär] *verb*  
search, look for  
**gar** [gàär] *noun*  
train  
**gara** [gàrà] *noun*  
ankle rattle  
**gara** [gàrá] *noun*  
hen pen  
ALSO **gòró**  
**garo** [gàrrò] *verb*  
stabbing an animal  
**gaya** [gàyá] *noun*  
sorghum species  
ALSO **gèyā**  
**gayi** [gàyì] *noun*  
cane  
**gec** [gèèc] *verb*  
guess  
**gèccò** guessing  
**geco** [gèccò] *verb*  
guessing  
**ged** [gèèd] *verb*  
(to) build

**gedo** [gèddò] *noun*  
building, buildings  
**gee** [gèè] *verb*  
(to) wipe clean  
**gèè mālèng** wipe it clean  
**gek** [gèèk] *noun*  
hiccup  
ALSO **dìk**  
**gek** [gèèk] *noun*  
gecko  
**gem** [gèèm] *adjective*  
greed  
**gem** [gèèm] *verb*  
to be trapped  
**gemo** [gè mò] *noun*  
an infectious disease  
**gemo** [gèmmò] *noun*  
rebellion  
**gen** [gèèn] *noun*  
trusting, believing in, having faith in  
**gen** [gèèn] *verb*  
1 (to) trust  
2 (to) believe in  
3 (to) rely upon  
**gènnèè** can be trusted, relied upon  
**gènnè** trust her, believe in her  
**gènnò** trusting in, believing in, relying on; having faith  
**geno** [gènnò] *noun*  
trusting, believing  
**geng** [gèèng] *adjective*  
a well built person  
**geng** [gèèng] *verb*  
(to) prevent, hinder  
**gènnèè** can be prevented



gènnḡ prevent her  
 gènnḡ prevention  
 gengo [gènnḡ] *noun*  
 preventing, obstructing  
 ger [gèēr] *verb*  
 (to) build  
 gèrrē build a house for him  
 gèrrēē can be built  
 gèrrò the act of building  
 ger [gèēr] *verb*  
 (to) make love  
 gèrrēē making love  
 gèrrò the act of making love  
 ger [gèēr] *noun*  
 marriage  
 ger [gèēr] *verb*  
 (of a compound, road etc)  
 to clean by grading  
 gèēr dīkāl clean the compound  
 gèrrò clearing the surrounding by digging  
 ger [gèēr] *adjective*  
 1 wild  
 2 angry  
 ger [gèēr] *noun*  
 animal path  
 gero [gèrrò] *verb*  
 1 building  
 2 making love  
 3 marrying  
 4 clearing compound, road etc  
 gero [gèrrò] *noun*  
 anger, ferocity, wildness, rage  
 get [gèēt] *verb*  
 block the way  
 geya [gèyā] *noun*

sorghum species  
 ALSO gàyā  
 geyo [gèyyò] *verb*  
 wiping up  
 gi [gī-] *prefix*  
 1 short form of third person plural: 'they'  
 2 the short form used in the non-past  
 gītyēē they are present  
 CFR gú-  
 ALSO gí-  
 gi [-gī] *suffix*  
 1 short form of the third person plural pronoun; "they"  
 2 marks the possessive  
 òt gī their house  
 méggí theirs  
 gicere [gicérē] *noun*  
 a small guord in which oil is kept  
 gicika [gicikáā] *noun*  
 curtain  
 ALSO kicikáā  
 gid [gīd] *verb*  
 (to) tickle  
 giddò tickling  
 gido [giddò] *verb*  
 tickling  
 gigi [gīgī] *pronoun*  
 theirs  
 gigu [gīgū] *noun*  
 1 their things  
 2 those things  
 gik [gīk] *verb*  
 1 (to) end, bring to an end  
 2 (to) arrest the development  
 gīkkò ending, terminating

gik [gīk] *noun*  
 hiccup  
 ALSO ògīk  
 gik [gīk] *noun*  
 1 ending, terminating  
 2 halting  
 giko [gīkkò] *verb*  
 1 ending  
 2 terminating, termination  
 3 bringing to an end  
 gikun [gikúún] *noun*  
 fowl fleas  
 ALSO kikúún, kíkúúny  
 gin [gín] *pronoun*  
 full form of the third person plural pronoun, "they."  
 gīn lūkwòd they are thieves  
 gin [gīn] *noun*  
 1 things  
 2 instruments, tools  
 gīn cām eating utensils  
 gīnnē her things  
 gīn gī their things, property  
 gin [gīn] *noun*  
 possession, property  
 PLU jēmī  
 ging [gíng] *adverb*  
 tying things tightly  
 gingi [gíngí] *adjective*  
 petulance  
 giny [gīny] *verb*  
 1 tickle  
 2 rub  
 gīnnyēē can be tickled, rubbed  
 gīnnyò tickling, rubbing  
 ALSO giddī  
 gipiny [gípíny] *noun*  
 property

gipwola [gìpwólā] *noun*  
 misfortune, mishap  
 ALSO kípólā  
 git [gīt] *verb*  
 (to) peel  
 gittē peel it for her  
 gíttēē can be peeled  
 gittò peeling  
 gito [gittò] *noun*  
 peeling  
 gitoga [gítógāā] *noun*  
 grass species used for building granaries  
 gitogo [gítógó] *noun*  
 placenta, afterbirth  
 ALSO pèèl, byèrò  
 gob [gòòb] *verb*  
 1 (to) scrape  
 2 collect dirt  
 gòbbò scraping  
 goba [gòbā] *noun*  
 lies  
 làgòbā a liar  
 lùgòbā liars  
 goc [góóc] *noun*  
 beating, striking, hitting  
 goga [gógā] *noun*  
 a shack  
 goga [gògā] *noun*  
 jest, concert, play, drama  
 gogogogo [gògògògò] *noun*  
 turaco  
 gogo [gògò] *adverb*  
 being spread out  
 gogo [gógó] *noun*  
 fence made of logs, stockade  
 gok [góók] *noun*  
 brisket

**gool** [gòǒl] *verb*

1 (to) extract, take out, clear

2 (to) string things together

3 (to) curve a hole out of

4 (to) extract information  
out off

5 (to) excavate

**gòllèè** can be extracted, cleared,  
excavated

**gòllò** hollowing, extract-  
ing, excavating

**gola** [gòlà] *noun*

snake, cobra

**gola** [gólá] *adjective*

double faced person

**goli** [gòlì] *noun*

fishing hook

**golo** [gòllò] *noun*

extracting, nodding

**gom** [gòǒm] *verb*

1 (to) bend

2 (to) cause to bend

**gómmeè** can be bent

**gómme** bending

**gomeci** [gómècì] *noun*

female dress fashion, hav-  
ing a top joined to a wrap-  
per below

BNT *gomsì*

**gomo** [gòmmò] *verb*

yearning to have

**gon** [gòǒn] *verb*

1 go via (rather than straight

2 change direction

**gònnò** changing direction

**gong** [gòǒng] *verb*

partially shut

**gònnò** partially shutting

**gongongwe** [gòǒngòngwéè] *noun*

praying mantis

**gony** [góóny] *noun*

a resting place

**gony** [gòǒny] *verb*

1 untie

2 release from prison, set  
free

**gónnyèè** can be untied

**gònnò** untying

**gonye** [gònnyéè] *verb*

being delivered of a baby

**gonyo** [gònnò] *noun*

1 untying

2 setting free

**goo** [gòǒ] *verb*

1 (to) beat

2 (to) bless

**gònnéè** beating one another

**gónnèè** can be beaten

**gor** [góór] *noun*

an animal species

**gor** [gòǒr] *verb*

(to) decorate

**goro** [gòró] *adjective*

weak, infirm, disabled

**làgòró** a weak, disabled per-  
son

**goro** [gòrò] *noun*

fowl pen

ALSO **ògòǒng**

**goro goro** [góró góró] *noun*

leopard

ALSO **ngùùr, kwààc**

**goroto** [gòròtò] *noun*

a sour vegetable

ALSO **lògòròtò**

**gore** [górrèè] *verb*

can be decorated

**gòrrò** decorating

**got** [gòǒt] *noun*

1 rock, stone

2 mountain, hill

**goyo** [gòyyò] *verb*

1 beating

2 (of a person, thing) be-  
ing beaten by rain

3 ringing a bell, telephone

4 raising an alarm

5 blessing

6 constructing

**gòyyò bùùl** beating drum

**gòyyò òláng** ringing a bell

**gòyyò láá** blessing

**gub** [gùùb] *verb*

(to) sip

**gùbbèè** can be sipped

**gùbbò** sipping

**guc** [gùùc] *verb*

throw, fling

**gud** [gùccò] *verb*

taking to flight

**guci** [gùcì] *noun*

a slave

**guco** [gùccò] *noun*

1 throwing

2 taking to flight

**gud** [gùùd] *verb*

touch, feel

**gùddèè** can be touched, reach-  
able

**gùddò** touching

**gudo** [gùddò] *verb*

to be touched, affected by

an issue

**lòk ògùddò é** the issues have

touched her

**gudo** [gùdò] *noun*

road, path, street

ALSO **gùdù**

**gul** [gùùl] *noun*

nook

**gùùl òtòt** corner of a room

**gul** [gùùl] *verb*

dent, make a hole

**gullo** [gùllò] *verb*

sprouting

**gum** [gùùm] *noun*

luck

**gùùm mǎbèér** good luck

**gùùm mǎráác** bad luck

**gùùm kòǒm** being lucky

**gun** [gùùn] *verb*

crowding

**guna** [gùnà] *noun*

having a secret compart-  
ment

**làpòǒk cǐnggè gùnà** he who  
divides has hidden com-  
partments

**gunia** [gùñfà] *noun*

sack

**gung** [gùùng] *verb*

kneel, bow

**gùnnngò** kneeling, bowing

**gungo** [gùnnngò] *noun*

kneeling, bowing

**guny** [gùūny] *noun*

1 rising of smoke

2 bubbling of boiling wa-  
ter

3 foaming of beer

**gùnnnyèè** bubbling, rising,  
evaporating

**gùnyyò** bubbling, boiling

**gunya** [gùnyà] *noun*

chimpanzee

**gunyo** [gùnnnyò] *noun*

bubbling, boiling

**gur** [gùúr] *noun*  
volcanic stones

**gur** [gùür] *verb*  
1 assemble, gather, collect  
2 arrange for funeral rites  
**gúréè** can be assembled  
**gùréè** assembling in one place  
**gùrrò** assembling

**guro** [gùrò] *verb*  
1(to) surround  
2 (to) have the funeral rites

**gur** [gùür] *verb*  
1 (to) season sauce  
2 (to) nail up a thing  
**gùrrò** seasoning, nailing up

**guro** [gùrrò] *noun*  
assembling

**guro** [gùrrò] *noun*  
1 seasoning  
2 nailing up

**guru guru** [gùrùgùrù] *adjective*  
not softly cooked

**gut** [gùüt] *verb*  
(of abscess) to collect and make to appear swollen

**guti** [gùtù] *noun*  
poles

**gwa** [gwàà] *adjective*  
1 rough, not smooth  
2 difficult

**gwa** [gwàà] *verb*  
plaster a wall etc

**gwac** [gwáác] *verb*  
smearing

**gwad** [gwàād] *verb*

clear, remove rubbish usually with the hand  
**gwàddò** removing

**gwado** [gwàddò] *noun*  
removing

**gwak** [gwàāk] *verb*  
1 embrace  
2 hold with arms across  
**gwàkkèè** having hands across the self, embracing one another  
**gwàkkò** embracing

**gwako** [gwàkkò] *noun*  
embracing

**gwana** [gwánà] *noun*  
cassava  
ALSO **gúra**

**gwang** [gwàāng] *verb*  
spoil, confuse  
**gwànngeè** being incoherent  
**gwànnò** incoherent speaking

**gwango** [gwànnò] *noun*  
incoherent speaking

**gwanya** [gwányà] *noun*  
a sour tasting vegetable

**gwar** [gwàār] *verb*  
(to) gather collect  
**gwàār yúgù** collect the rubbish  
**gwàrrèè** can be collected  
**gwàrrò** collecting

**gwara** [gwàrà] *noun*  
calabash blown as a horn

**gwaro** [gwàrrò] *noun*  
collecting

**gwayo** [gwàyyò] *verb*  
smearing

**gwe** [gwèè] *verb*  
1 (to) kick  
2 (to) play football  
**gwééc** kicking, playing football

**gwec** [gwèéc] *verb*  
to come off at a joint, to split

**gwe** [gwèè] *verb*  
(to) scoop sauce, get sauce to eat

**gwe** [gwèè] *noun*  
constipation caused by indigestion

**gwed** [gwèéd] *verb*  
(to) flip pluck, remove  
**gwèddò** plucking, flipping

**gwel** [gwèèl] *verb*  
(by hand movements) to beckon

**gwele** [gwèlē] *noun*  
bedstead for sitting

**gwel** [gwèèl] *verb*  
(to) get peanut butter etc with the finger

**gwen** [gwèèn] *verb*  
(to) peel  
**gwènnò** peeling

**gwenò** [gwènnò] *noun*  
hen  
**mùnn gwènnò** hen  
**twònn gwènnò** cock

**gweng** [gwèèng] *noun*  
pebble, stone

**gweny** [gwèèny] *verb*  
(to) scratch  
**gwènnnyèè** can be scratched  
**gwènnnyò** scratching

**gweny** [gwèèny] *verb*

(to) dislocate, come out of joint

**gwenyo** [gwènnnyò] *verb*  
by passing each other without meeting

**gwer** [gwèèr] *verb*  
(to) skimp for food

**gwer** [gwèèr] *verb*  
(to) vaccinate  
**gwèrrò** vaccination, scarification

**gwero** [gwèrrò] *noun*  
vaccinating, scarification

**gwet** [gwèèt] *verb*  
(to) pluck

**gweto** [gwèttò] *noun*  
plucking

**gweto** [gwèttò] *verb*  
1 distracting attention  
2 marking books etc

**gweyo** [gwèyyò] *verb*  
scooping sauce

**gweyo** [gwèyyò] *verb*  
kicking

**gweyo** [gwèyyò] *verb*  
(of a dog) to bark

**gwin** [gwíin] *verb*  
skimp, eat in tiny bits  
**gwínnò** skimp eating

**gwok** [gwòòk] *verb*  
1 (to) take care of  
2 (to) protect  
**gwòkkèè** can be taken care of  
**gwòkkè** take care of her  
**gwòkkèè** taking care of the self  
**gwòkkò** taking care of

**gwok** [gwòók] *adjective*



- 1 forbidden thing  
2 taboo

**gwok** [gwòòk] *adverb*  
perhaps, may be  
ALSO **gwòòk nyòò**

**gwok** [gwòòk] *noun*  
dog

**gwoko** [gwòòkò] *noun*  
taking care of; protecting

**gwong** [gwòòng] *noun*  
stammering

**gwor** [gwòòr] *verb*  
1 (of a hole) to enlarge, dig deeper  
2 to remove the top layers

**gworo** [gwòòrò] *noun*  
making larger

## I i

**i** [i-] *prefix*

1 short form of the second person singular pronoun; "you"

2 the short form as it attaches as a prefix to verbs and adjectives

*ìcittò kwèně* where are you going?

*ìbèèr* you are good

ALSO **i-**

**i** [-i] *suffix*

1 short form of the second person singular pronoun used as the possessive; you  
*tyènní* your leg

2 short form of the pronoun used to refer back to the speaker; the dative  
*òkèllì* he brought you  
3 short form of the singular pronoun used as a benefactive; to, for  
*òkèllì* he brought it for you  
4 short form of the pronoun as it attaches to nouns  
*òttí* your house  
ALSO **i**

**i** [i] *preposition*  
in

*ì òt* in the house

**i** [i] *verb*  
(short form of the future particle) be, will  
*à ñ cìttò* I am going; I will be going

**ic** [ic] *noun*  
1 stomach, belly  
2 pregnancy  
*tyéé kì ic* she is pregnant

**ido** [iddo] *verb*  
to be possessed by the spirits

**il** [iil] *verb*  
lift up, raise up  
*íllèè* can be raised  
*illò* lifting up, hoisting

**in** [iín] *pronoun*  
the full form of the second person pronoun; "you"  
*íñ lèkwòò* you are a thief

**ir** [ir] *preposition*  
for  
*ìrrā* for me  
*ìrrè* for her  
*ìrrí* for you

**ir** [ĩr] *verb*  
to cast a spell on, bewitch

**it** [it] *noun*  
scorpion  
ALSO **òtòòn**

**it** [ĩt] *noun*  
1 ear  
2 leaf

**it** [iit] *noun*  
a shallow well

**it** [iit] *verb*  
(to) climb, ascend  
*íttèè* can be climbed  
*ittò* climbing

**ito** [ittò] *verb*  
(animals) to mate

**iyoo** [iyòò] *verb*  
working hard

## J j

**ja** [jà] *verb*  
1 to have a bit of a thing  
2 to prepare a piece of land for cultivation

**jar** [jàār] *verb*  
to rise up in rebellion

**jab** [jàāb] *verb*  
1 (to) massage a wound, swelling with hot water  
2 (to) clean a wound with hot water

**jabu** [jábù] *noun*  
gold  
ARA *dhaab*

**jaco** [jàccò] *verb*  
grinding simsim

**jago** [jágòò] *noun*  
one of the lesser chiefs; sub-chief

BNT *jago*

**jai** [jái] *noun*  
hashis, opium

**jak** [jāāk] *verb*  
to break a twig off a tree branch

**jal** [jàāl] *noun*  
man, fellow  
*jàlì* this man

**jal** [jàāl] *verb*  
(usually of food) to leave a portion for another person

**jal** [jàāl] *verb*  
(to) cut grass

**jalo** [jàllò] *noun*  
cutting grass

**jami** [jámì] *noun*  
1 goods, possession  
2 luggage

ALSO **jémì**

**jang** [jàāng] *noun*  
tree branch

**jany** [jàāny] *verb*  
(of tree branch) to spread out

*jànnge* its branch

**jany** [jàāny] *verb*  
(to) sit down

**janyo** [jànnyò] *verb*  
straightening the hair; combing

**jarara** [jàràrà] *noun*  
button

ARA *zirara*

**jayo** [jàyyò] *verb*

taking something that does not belong to one  
**jeba** [jébà] *noun*  
 pocket  
 ARA *jeba*  
**jem** [jèēm] *verb*  
 (to) rebel, go on strike, revolt, uprising  
 jèmmò going on strike, rebelling  
**jemi** [jémì] *noun*  
 goods, possession, luggage  
 ALSO *jámì*  
**jemo** [jèmmò] *noun*  
 revolting  
**jeng** [jèēng] *verb*  
 1 (to) make a thing lean against another  
 2 (to) pledge a thing, put a deposit  
 3 (to) pawn  
 jènggèè to lean against  
 jènggò leaning against, making a deposit, pawning  
**jengo** [jènggò] *noun*  
 leaning against  
**jeny** [jèēny] *verb*  
 (to) get ready for a fight, flight; tense the muscles  
 jénnyèè he is getting tense  
**jenyo** [jènyò] *noun*  
 getting tense  
**jer** [jèēr] *verb*  
 (to) move away, withdraw  
 jèēr cèēn move back  
**jer** [jèēr] *verb*  
 to belch  
 jèrrò gwèè belching from constipation

**jer** [jéēr] *noun*  
 humiliation  
**jero** [jèrrò] *noun*  
 belching from constipation  
**jela** [jéélà] *noun*  
 prison (ENG)  
**jero** [jérò] *noun*  
 zero (ENG)  
**jic** [jìc] *verb*  
 half cooking of meat  
**ji** [jù] *noun*  
 people  
 ALSO *jòò*  
**ji** [jì] *verb*  
 of meat not properly cooked, partially cooked  
**jijima** [jìjìma] *noun*  
 shoes  
 ARA *gizma*  
 ALSO *wààr*  
**jik** [jìk] *adverb*  
 the sudden stopping rain etc.  
**jiko** [jìkkò] *noun*  
 bringing to an end; completion  
**jin** [jìin] *verb*  
 delay  
 jìnnò suppressing, hushing up  
**jino** [jìnnò] *noun*  
 suppressing, compressing  
**jing** [jìng] *verb*  
 (to) harden, tighten  
 jìngò having stunted growth  
**jing** [jìng] *adjective*  
 rigid, hard  
**jiny** [jìny] *verb*  
 screw the eyes; stint  
 jìny wàngì stint your eyes

**jir** [jìir] *verb*  
 sneeze  
 jìrròò sneezing  
**jira** [jìrá] *noun*  
 tassel  
**jiri** [jìrì] *noun*  
 the New testament  
**jiro** [jìrrò] *noun*  
 jeering  
**jiyo** [jìyyò] *verb*  
 partial boiling of maize or beans  
**jiyo** [jìyyò] *noun*  
 blocking, closing  
**job** [jòòb] *verb*  
 1 (to) collect usually in handfuls  
 2 to dip  
 jòòb ò pìì dive into the water  
**jobi** [jòbì] *noun*  
 buffalo  
 ALSO *jùbì*  
**jobo** [jòbbò] *noun*  
 collecting handfuls  
**jog** [jòòg] *verb*  
 (to) collect from people  
**jogi** [jòggì] *noun*  
 spirits, demons, witchcraft  
 SGL *jòòk*  
**jok** [jòòk] *noun*  
 spirit, demon, god, witch, wizard  
 PLU *jòggì*  
**jol** [jòòl] *verb*  
 1 (to) receive, welcome  
 2 catch  
 jòllèè can be received  
 jòllè receive him, welcome him

**jòllò** welcoming, especially visitors  
**jolo** [jòllò] *noun*  
 welcoming, receiving  
**jom** [jòòm] *verb*  
 (to) take wash the self; take bath  
**jomo** [jòommò] *verb*  
 taking bath  
**jonga** [jòngá] *noun*  
 my friend (feminine)  
**jongge** [jònggè] *verb*  
 delaying, holding people back, not being on time  
**jonggo** [jònggò] *verb*  
 (of a job) not professionally accomplished  
**jony** [jòòny] *verb*  
 (to) become thin, emancipated  
**jony** [jòòny] *noun*  
 being thin, emancipated  
**jonyo** [jònnnyò] *noun*  
 aids  
**jony** [jòòny] *adjective*  
 (of leg etc) to go numb; dead leg  
**jor** [jòór] *noun*  
 robe  
**jot** [jòòt] *verb*  
 to wet, moisten the mouth etc  
**joto** [jòttò] *verb*  
 being smeared with, covered in (blade of spear) drenched  
**joyo** [jòyò] *verb*  
 to deflate  
**jub** [jùüb] *verb*  
 (to) gather and collect in handfuls

**júbbēè** handfuls can be collected  
**jùbbē** collect a handful for her  
**jùbbò** collecting a handful of  
**jubi** [jùbì] *noun*  
 buffalo  
 ALSO **jòbì**  
**jubo** [jùbbò] *noun*  
 taking a handful  
**juc** [júúc] *verb*  
 reprimand  
*júúc pà mēggò* the reprimand of mothers  
**jud** [jùd] *verb*  
 pout  
**jùdò** sulking, pouting  
**juk** [jùūk] *verb*  
 1 to stop, prevent from doing thing  
 2 (to) restrain, hold back, dissuade  
**júkkēè** can be restrained, held back, stopped  
**jùkkē** restrain her  
**jùkkò** stopping, restraining, holding back  
**juk** [jùūk] *verb*  
 (to) collect, gather, pick, take a handful of  
*jùūk pùúl* take a handful of nuts  
**juko** [jùkkò] *noun*  
 restraining; holding back  
**juko** [jùkkò] *noun*  
 taking a handful  
**jul** [jùul] *verb*  
 take care of

**jul** [jùul] *verb*  
 sulk  
**jùllò** sulking  
**jun** [jún] *noun*  
 chin  
**jung** [jùūng] *verb*  
 squeeze, wring  
*jùūng bóngō* wring the clothing  
**jung** [jùūng] *verb*  
 (to) shrivel, shrink  
**junge** [jùnngeè] *verb*  
 remaining behind, delaying  
**jungo** [jùnngeò] *verb*  
 shrinking  
**jungo** [jùnngeò] *verb*  
 doing a job badly  
**juny** [jùūny] *verb*  
 erect a shelter  
**junya** [júnyà] *noun*  
 jiggers  
 ALSO **jwínyà**  
**junyo** [júnyó] *noun*  
 tree species preferred for rope making  
**jur** [jùūr] *verb*  
 1 pour water  
 2 (to) pass urine  
 ALSO **dòny**  
**jut** [jùt] *verb*  
 beat, hit  
**jùttò** beating, hitting  
**jut** [jùt] *adverb*  
 really short  
*Làcòò nì cèèk ní jùt* This man is really short  
**juto** [jùttò] *noun*  
 beating, hitting

**jwa** [jwāā] *verb*  
 1 (to) clean, scrub, polish  
 2 (to) brush teeth  
**jwánnēè** can be cleaned, polished  
**jwànnò** cleaning, scrubbing, polishing  
*jwàyyò lààk* brushing teeth  
*jwàyyò wààr* polishing shoes  
**jwano** [jwànnò] *noun*  
 polishing, cleaning  
**jwan** [jwáán] *noun*  
 boar tooth on a headgear  
**jwan** [jwáán] *adjective*  
 a round hut  
**jwan** [jwàān] *verb*  
 (to) rub or smear  
**jwar** [jwàār] *verb*  
 to grow tall  
**jwat** [jwàāt] *noun*  
 jeering  
**jwat** [jwàāt] *verb*  
 (to) hit usually with a cane, stick  
**jwáttēè** can be struck  
**jwaàttē** hit her  
**jwàttēè** hitting or striking each other  
**jwàttò** striking or hitting  
**jwato** [jwàttò] *noun*  
 taking to flight; sprinting  
**jwato** [jwàttò] *noun*  
 hitting  
**jwayo** [jwàyyò] *verb*  
 wiping, polishing  
 ALSO **jwànnò**  
**jwe** [jwéé] *noun*  
 an ugly being  
**jwe** [jwéè] *noun*  
 tumour

**jwer** [jwèèr] *verb*  
 (to) slash, cut grass  
**jwérēè** can be pruned, slashed  
**jwèrrò** slashing  
**jwero** [jwèrrò] *verb*  
 scooping water from a water logged place  
**jwet** [jwèèt] *verb*  
 take to flight  
**jwèttò** taking to flight  
**jwet** [jwéét] *noun*  
 1 foot prints  
 2 sound of footprints  
**jweto** [jwèttò] *noun*  
 taking to flight  
**jwi** [jwiì] *verb*  
 (to) hiss  
**jwi** [jwií] *noun*  
 marshy ground  
**jwi** [jwiì] *verb*  
 (of a liquid) to ooze out of a porous container  
**jwi** [jwiì] *adverb*  
 always, everyday, daily  
*bínno káány jwiì* he is here always  
 ALSO **jwiì jwiì**  
**jwic** [jwiíc] *noun*  
 hissing  
**jwik** [jwiík] *noun*  
 reduction, stopping, ending  
**jwik** [jwiík] *verb*  
 (to) contain or reduce flow of a thing  
**jwíkkēè** can be reduced  
**jwíkkò** slimming  
**jwiko** [jwiikkò] *noun*  
 slimming, reduction, reducing



jwil [jwííl] *noun*  
quail  
jwinya [jwínyà] *noun*  
jiggers  
ALSO júnyà  
jwiyo [jwiyyò] *verb*  
hissing, jeering at a person

## K k

ka [kà] *preposition*  
to, at, in  
òbfinòdà kà kwáán she has come to study  
ka [kà] *pronoun*  
1 which  
2 the place which; where a thing is or takes place  
Nyùttà kà mǎ ìkèttò iyé show me where you have put it  
Gulu ká mǎ bèér Gulu is a good place  
ka [ká] *adverb*  
if, when  
ká òbfinòdò if she comes  
ká cè if, should he  
kaa [kǎà] *particle*  
used in questions; so, the noun ìcittó kwènè kǎà so where are you going?  
kaa [kǎà] *verb*  
(to) harvest  
kǎà kǎál harvest millet  
káác harvesting  
kàyyò the act of harvesting

kaa [kǎà] *verb*  
(to) bite  
káác biting  
kàyyò the act of biting  
kaba [kábá] *noun*  
spear with a large blade  
kaba [kàbà] *noun*  
braces, suspenders  
kabad [kàbààd] *noun*  
cupboard, wardrobe (ENG)  
kabaka [kàbákà] *noun*  
king  
BNT kabaka  
kabu [kábù] *noun*  
swelling of the wrist  
kac [káác] *noun*  
ancestral shrine  
kac [káác] *noun*  
harvest, harvesting  
kac [káác] *verb*  
biting  
kad [kǎād] *verb*  
1 pleating hair  
2 weaving  
káddèè can be woven  
kàddò pleating  
kadi [kádí] *adverb*  
1 even  
2 if  
kado [kàdò] *verb*  
salt  
kago [kàgò] *noun*  
tree preferred for building frames  
ALSO kègò  
kak [kǎàk] *verb*  
mongoose family, ferret  
kak [kǎàk] *verb*  
1 (to) dissect, cut open  
2 (to) split

kaka [kàkà] *noun*  
clan, tribe, ethnicity  
kal [káál] *noun*  
millet  
kal [kǎàl] *noun*  
1 compound, arena  
2 royal court  
kal [kǎàl] *verb*  
1 jump over  
2 skip  
kállèè can be skipped  
kàllò the act of skipping, jumping over  
kali [kǎlí] *noun*  
legume of bean species  
kalam [kǎláám] *noun*  
pen  
ARA galam  
kalang [kǎláàng] *noun*  
large black ants  
kaliri [kǎlírí] *noun*  
groundnut species often eaten boiled rather than raw  
Also kǎlí  
kamlara [kǎmlàrà] *noun*  
pepper  
kan [kǎàn] *verb*  
1 hide, conceal  
2 put up for safe keeping  
kǎnnǎ hide me  
kààn mǎbèér hide it well  
kǎnnèè can be hidden, concealed  
kǎnnèè hiding or concealing the self  
kànnò the act of hiding, concealing  
kana [kànà] *noun*  
donkey

kanica [kànícà] *noun*  
church  
ARA kanais  
kano [kànnò] *noun*  
concealing, hiding  
kang [kǎàng] *verb*  
sarcastic saying  
kang [kǎàng] *adjective*  
(of a thing) out of place, not in line  
kango [kǎnnò] *verb*  
putting a spell on to prevent achieving a thing  
kany [kǎány] *verb* 1 (to) put up with, bear  
2 (to) endure  
kǎnnòdò kèèc bearing hunger  
kǎnnýèè can be put up with  
kǎnnýò the act of putting up with, bearing  
kany [kǎány] *adverb*  
here, in this place  
bèèd kǎány sit here  
kany [kǎnyí] *noun*  
robe  
kanyo [kǎnnýò] *verb*  
1 putting up with, bearing  
2 hiding  
kapere [kǎpèrè] *adjective*  
a daring person  
kaptén [kǎptèn] *noun*  
captain (ENG)  
kar [kǎàr] *adverb*  
in the place of  
kar [kǎàr] *verb*  
(to) get and take live charcoal, fire in a fork  
kara [kàrà] *adverb*  
1 surprisingly

2 whereas  
 3 so  
*kàrà máán* so; yet  
**karama** [kàráám] *noun*  
 1 feast  
 2 Christmas  
**karan** [kàráán] *noun*  
 clerk  
 SWA *karani*  
**karatac** [kàràtác] *noun*  
 paper  
 SWA *karatas*  
**kare** [kàrè] *adverb*  
 1 time, period  
 2 space, place  
**kare** [kárrèè] *verb*  
 split into two  
**kat** [kàāt] *verb*  
 1 pass  
 2 pass through  
 3 pass over  
*kàttò péény* passing exams  
*káttèè* can be passed, be passed over  
*kàttò* the act of passing, passing over  
**kato** [kàtò] *noun*  
 a small bottle used as a unit of measurement of local alcohol  
 ALSO *làkàpìrìpìrì*  
**kayo** [kàyò] *noun*  
 the first born  
**kec** [kèèc] *noun*  
 hunger, famine  
**kec** [kééc] *adjective*  
 1 bitter, sour  
 2 (of a drink) strong  
 3 (the absence of luck) un-

lucky, ill-fated  
*kòmme kééc* she is unlucky  
**keco** [kèccò] *verb*  
 1 being angry  
 2 getting annoyed  
 3 being annoyed  
**ked** [kèèd] *verb*  
 (to) weave, plait, pleat  
*kèddèè* can be pleated, woven  
*kèddò* decorating, pleating  
**keda** [kèdá] *noun*  
 bile  
**kedi** [kèdì] *noun*  
 twig  
**kedo** [kèddò] *noun*  
 decorating, pleating  
**kee** [kèè] *verb*  
 1 (to) disperse, spread out  
 2 (to) come to an end  
**kee** [kèè] *adjective*  
 appetite, yearning for  
**kego** [kègò] *noun*  
 a creeping plant used for dressing wound  
**kere** [kèèrè] *verb*  
 behave submissively to win favour  
**kek** [kèèk] *noun*  
 a fishing basket for trapping fish  
**kek** [kèèk] *verb*  
 to split open (of cotton buds)  
**kek** [kéèk] *noun*  
 cake (ENG)  
**keken** [kékéén] *adverb*  
 1 alone  
 2 only  
*wán kékén* only us

*kénnàà* alone, by myself  
*kénnèè* alone, by himself  
*kénwú* all by yourselves  
**keko** [kèkkò] *verb*  
 (of noise) disturbing, too loud, deafening *kèkkò ìt dánó*  
 too loud a deafening noise  
**kel** [kèèl] *verb*  
 (to) bring  
*kèèl kány* bring it here  
*kèllèè* can be brought  
*kèllè* bring it for her; bring her  
*kèllò* bringing  
**keli** [kèlì] *noun*  
 an ornamental axe  
**kelo** [kèllò] *noun*  
 bringing  
**kem** [kèèm] *adjective*  
 having a bad smell  
**kema** [kémà] *noun*  
 tent  
**kemo** [kèmmò] *verb*  
 to move towards, in the direction of  
**kene** [kènnèè] *verb*  
 (to) struggle alone  
*kènnèè kénèè* she is struggling all alone, unaided  
**keno** [kènnò] *verb*  
 assisting, supporting a weak person  
**keno** [kènnò] *noun*  
 fireplace, cooking place  
**keno** [kènnò] *noun*  
 a small gourd, calabash  
**keng** [kèèng] *verb*  
 1 (to) guard a thing  
 2 (to) lay seize  
*kènnò* watching

**keng** [kèèng] *verb*  
 1 (to) miss out on a thing  
 2 (to) not get a thing  
**kengo** [kènnò] *noun*  
 missing out  
**keny** [kèèny] *noun*  
 marriage  
**keny** [kèèny] *verb*  
 to waste money  
**kenya** [kènyà] *adverb*  
 act without restraint  
 Also *àtáà*  
**kenyo** [kènnò] *adverb*  
 over there; there  
**keo** [kèè] *adverb*  
 (of movement) disturbing the grass slightly  
**ker** [kéér] *noun*  
 a patch of field left unburnt for cultivation  
 ALSO *àkéér*  
**ker** [kéér] *noun*  
 royalty, chieftdom, kingdom  
**kere** [kèèrè] *noun*  
 natural gap between teeth  
**kere** [kèèrè] *verb*  
 1 being submissive  
 2 bossing people  
**kero** [kèrrò] *verb* having energy desire to do a thing  
**kero** [kèrrò] *verb*  
 to pamper, coddle  
**kero** [kèrrò] *verb*  
 having a natural gap in between teeth  
**kero** [kèrrò] *verb*  
 clucking of hens  
**kero** [kèrrò] *verb*  
 raising

**ket** [kèèt] *verb*

1 (to) put

2 (to) put up

3 (to) save

kèèt málō put it up

kéttèè can be put up, be saved, made

kèttè 1 make her 2 put her

kèttò putting up, saving

**ket** [kèèt] *verb*

1 to scatter

2 (of marriage) to fall apart

3 (of hair) to comb

kéttèè can be scattered, destroyed, combed

kèttè destroy it, comb it

**keto** [kèttò] *verb*

1 destroying

2 scattering

3 combing

**keto** [kèttò] *verb*

1 (to) spread disease

2 (of hunger pangs) to subsidize

**keto** [kèttò] *verb*

1 putting up, aside

2 saving up

**keyo** [kèyyò] *verb*

1 (to) spread, scatter

2 (to) cure

**ki** [kĩ] *prefix*

of, belonging to

ALSO gĩ

**ki** [kĩ] *preposition, adverb*

1 with, in, from

2 and

òcòbbò kĩ tóóng she stabbed it with a spear

**kibego** [kibègò] *noun*

leftover food taken home

**kibeng** [kibééng] *adverb*

pretence

**kibira** [kibìrà] *noun*

forest

**kiboko** [kibókò] *noun*

whip

SWA kiboko

**kibogo** [kibōgò] *noun*

white and black

**kic** [kíic] *noun*

1 bee

2 honey

**kic** [kíic] *noun*

orphan

**kica** [kìcà] *noun*

mercy, compassion

**kica** [kìcàá] *noun*

a bag

**kicika** [kìcìká] *noun*

partition in a room; curtain

**kid** [kíid] *verb*

(to) break a twig, split a branch

**kidi** [kìdí] *noun*

stone, often grinding stone

**kidu** [kìddū] *adjective*

of groundnuts not properly developed

**kigingi** [kìgíngì] *noun*

a stopper especially for trucks

**kigol** [kìgòól] *noun*

a basket for carrying fowls

**kigong** [kìgòōng] *noun*

a dias for keeping split firewood

**kii** [kíi] *verb*

(to) watch, guard

kìinnò watching, guarding

**kii** [kíi] *verb*

(to) sieve

kíi mókò mán sieve this flour

**kijang** [kíjáng] *noun*

basket for processing yeast

**kijere** [kìjéré] *noun*

a stool used in rituals

**kijiko** [kìjìkò] *noun*

spoon

Also málāgà

**kijina** [kìjìnā] *noun*

tumour of the throat

**kijira** [kìjìrá] *noun*

ululation (by women)

gòyyò kìjìrá making ululation

**kijumi** [kìjùmí] *noun*

a rain pour that lasts the whole day usually from morning

**kijut** [kìjút] *noun*

dragonfly

**kika** [kíkà] *noun*

temporary door not hinged, removable

**kiliko** [kìlìkò] *noun*

whistle made from animal horns

Also ólíkòò

**kile** [kìllèè] *verb*

can be peeled

**kilo** [kìllò] *verb*

peeling

**kilong** [kìlóng] *adverb*

upside down, wrong way

**kiluka** [kìlúkàà] *noun*

calabash

**kilung kilung** [kìlúng kìlúng]

*noun*

black stork

**kin** [kĩn] *conjunction*

between, among

**kinaga** [kìnágàà] *noun*

camel

**kiniga** [kìnígàà] *noun*

anger

ALSO àkémnòò

**kinju** [kìnjúù] *noun*

wild yam

**kinu** [kìnú] *noun*

animal trap

**kiny** [kìny] *verb*

1 (to) comb

2 (of birds) pluming

kìnnýò cleaning, combing

**kinyo** [kìnyó] *noun*

needle

**kipinguo** [kìpìnggúò] *noun*

lock

SWA kipunguo

**kipwola** [kìpwólā] *noun*

calamity, misfortune

**kir** [kìir] *noun*

consequences of breaking a taboo

**kir** [kìir] *adjective* having a bad

smell; foul smelling

**kir** [kìir] *verb*

1 sprinkle

2 splash, sprout

3 (of flying things about)

land on

màc òkìir fire splashed

kìrrèè splash the self

kìrrò splashing

**kit** [kít] *noun*

character, behaviour

kítté his behaviour

**kitabú** [kìtàbù] *noun*

book



SWA *kitabū*  
 Also **búúk**  
**kitambara** [kitámbarà] *noun*  
 handkerchief  
 SWA *kitabara*  
 Also **làtáám**  
**kitanda** [kitándà] *noun*  
 bed  
**kiteya** [kitéyā] *noun*  
 termites, young ones  
**kiteyi teyi** [kitèyì tɛyì] *noun*  
 a wrapper  
**kitina** [kitínáà] *noun*  
 1 burnt grass shoots  
 2 grass species  
**kiyo** [kìyyò] *verb*  
 watching  
**kiyo** [kíyò] *noun*  
 mirror  
**kob** [kòòb] *verb*  
 1 transfer, move  
 2 translate, say  
**kòbbèè** can be said, transferred  
**kòbbò** saying, transferring  
**kobo** [kòbbò] *noun*  
 1 transferring  
 2 translating  
**koc** [kòc] *noun*  
 tin  
**koc** [kòc] *verb*  
 to move a way from the rest  
**koc** [kòc] *noun*  
 riddle  
**kod** [kòòd] *verb*  
 tether  
**kodi** [kòdì] *noun*  
 seed

**kodi** [kòdì] *noun*  
 type, kind  
**kodo** [kòdò] *verb*  
 blowing of the wind, breeze-ing  
**kodo** [kòddò] *verb*  
 to tie together  
**koga** [koɡá] *noun*  
 large bird with a black body  
**kok** [kòòk] *verb*  
 1 cry  
 2 plead  
**kok** [kòòk] *verb*  
 redeem  
**kókkèè** can be redeemed  
**kòkkò** redeeming  
**kol** [kóól] *noun*  
 animal skin  
 ALSO **àkóól**  
**kol** [kòól] *noun*  
 animal pen  
**kol** [kòól] *verb*  
 1 remove  
 2 gouge  
 3 extract  
**kóllèè** can be gouged, extracted  
**kòllò** extracting, gouging  
**kolo** [kòlò] *noun*  
 a troublesome person  
**làkòlò** troublesome  
**kolo** [kóló] *noun*  
 papyrus mat  
 CFR **tógòò**  
**kolo** [kòllò] *noun*  
 extracting, gouging  
**kom** [kóóm] *noun*  
 chair  
**kom** [kòòm] *noun*  
 1 body

2 self  
*kòmmè yòt* she is healthy  
*kòmmè wàc* he is lazy  
**komo** [kòmmò] *noun*  
 limping  
**komo** [kòmmò] *verb*  
 supporting an ill person  
**kon** [kòòn] *verb*  
 (to) drip  
**kona** [kónà] *noun*  
 corner (ENG)  
**koni** [kòní] *adverb*  
 now, soon  
**kono** [kòno] *adverb*  
 or  
**kono** [kòno] *conjunction*  
 if, had  
*kònnò nyò* if, perhaps  
**kono** [kòno] *noun*  
 an adornment added to dance  
 headgear usually from ostrich feathers  
**kong** [kòõg] *adverb*  
 1 first, before  
 2 for the time being  
*kùur kòõg* first wait  
**kongo** [kòngò] *noun*  
 beer  
**kony** [kóóny] *noun*  
 assistance, help, aid  
**kony** [kòõny] *verb*  
 (to) help, come to the aid of  
**kònnýèè** helping each other  
**kònnýò** helping  
**konye** [kònnýèè] *verb*  
 going to toilet  
**konyo** [kònnýò] *noun*  
 helping

**koo** [kòó] *adverb*  
 no, not  
**koo** [kòò] *verb*  
 (to) isolate  
**koo** [kòó] *verb*  
 bamboo  
**kop** [kòóp] *noun*  
 1 issue, matter  
 2 dispute  
 3 word  
**kop angò** [kòóp ángòò] *noun*  
 part of the greeting: 'how are you?'  
**kopolo** [kòpòlò] *noun*  
 corporal (ENG)  
 ALSO **òbàcà**  
**kopulo** [kòpùlò] *noun*  
 padlock  
 ARA *ghofoul*  
**kor** [kòór] *noun*  
 chest  
*kòór òt* wall  
*kòrré* his chest  
*làkòõny kòrré* his assistant  
**kor** [kòòr] *noun*  
 footprint, trace  
**kor** [kòòr] *verb*  
 (to) praise  
**koro** [kòrrò] *verb*  
 expelling evil spirits, exorcising  
**koro** [kòró] *noun*  
 pen for fowl  
**kot** [kòót] *noun*  
 court  
**kot** [kòòt] *noun*  
 rain  
**kot** [kòtì] *noun*  
 coat (ENG)

**koto** [kòtò] *noun*  
exalting

**koyo** [kòyò] *noun*  
cold

**koyo** [kòyò] *noun*  
adze

**koyo** [kòyyò] *verb*  
isolating

**ku** [kù] *prefix*  
(attaches to prepositions to make them adverbials) in the direction of; towards  
*kù* towards - *màlò* up - *kùmàlò* upwards

**kub** [kùùb] *verb*  
link things, join things  
*kùbbēē* can be linked up  
*kùbbò* linking thing, joining things

**kuc** [kùùc] *noun*  
peace

**kud** [kùùd] *verb*  
hold in the mouth

**kude** [kùddē] *verb*  
hiding the self

**kudo** [kùddò] *noun*  
small swelling or rash

**kuku** [kùkù] *verb*  
raising an alarm

**kul** [kùùl] *noun*  
kraal  
Also *àkùùl*

**kul** [kùùl] *noun*  
wild pig, warthog

**kul** [kùùl] *verb*  
(of the head, eye) lower, bow  
*kùllēē* (of the head, eye) can be lowered, bowed

**kùllò** bowing the head, or lowering the eyes

**kulo** [kùlò] *adverb*  
1 wholly  
2 entirely  
Also *kùlù*

**kulu** [kùlù] *adverb*  
1 wholly  
2 entirely  
Also *kùlò*

**kulu** [kùlù] *noun*  
1 river  
2 water source

**kum** [kùùm] *noun*  
1 support  
2 empathy

**kuman** [kùmáán] *adverb*  
1 in this manner, this way  
2 like this

**kumu** [kùmmù] *noun*  
grieving

**kun** [kùùn] *verb*  
refuse, deny  
*kùnnò* refusing

**kun** [kùùn] *adverb*  
while, whereas, yet  
*kùùn mǐttòd* yet he wants it

**kuno** [kùnnò] *verb*  
taking good care of

**kuno** [kùnnò] *adverb*  
1 there  
2 over there  
Also *kùnnù*

**kupulu** [kùpùlù] *noun*  
padlock  
Also *kòpùlò*

**kur** [kùùr] *adjective*  
(of smell) pleasant, sweet

**kur** [kùùr] *verb*  
1 (to) wait  
2 (to) guard  
*kùrrā* wait for me  
*kùùr kány* wait here  
*kùrrēē* can be waited for, guarded  
*kùrrò* waiting for, guarding

**kuro** [kùrrò] *noun*  
waiting

**kut** [kùút] *noun*  
deep centre of the river

**kut** [kùút] *verb*  
1(to) blow  
2 (to) fan fire  
3 (to) inflate a ball etc  
*kùttēē* can be inflated, blown  
*kùttò* inflating, blowing

**kuto** [kùttò] *noun*  
1 blowing, fanning  
2 inflating

**kutyelo** [kùtyèlò] *adverb*  
towards the rear of the house

**kwa** [kwàā] *noun*  
descendants  
*kwàānā* my descendants  
*kwàrrā* my grandfather; my father in law  
*kwàrrò* grandfather  
*kwàrrè* his or her grandfather

**kwa** [kwàā] *verb*  
(to) beg, entreat  
*kwàác* begging  
*kwàyyò* the act of begging

**kwac** [kwàác] *noun*  
leopard

**kwac** [kwàác] *verb*  
herding

**kwac** [kwàác] *noun*  
begging, imploring

**kwadenge** [kwàdènggè] *noun*  
beetle  
Also *kàmdénggè*

**kwak** [kwàák] *adverb*  
never

**kwak** [kwàāk] *verb*  
(to) embrace

**kwak** [kwàāk] *verb*  
(to) hold, add to  
*kwàkkò* adding something to

**kwaka** [kwàkà] *noun*  
rat trap  
Also *àgwák*, *kwàkà*

**kwakala** [kwàkālā] *noun*  
rat trap  
Also *àgwák*, *kwàkà*

**kwako** [kwàkkò] *noun*  
1 adding to  
2 embracing

**kwai** [kwàāl] *verb*  
(to) steal  
*kwàllēē* can be stolen  
*kwàllēē* eloping  
*kwàllò* the act of stealing  
*kwòpò* theft

**kwale** [kwàllēē] *verb*  
1(to) approach stealthily  
2 (to) escape

**kwalo** [kwàllò] *noun*  
stealing

**kwan** [kwàān] *verb*  
1(to) read  
2 (to) study  
3 (to) count. *kwànnò dānó* counting people, census  
*kwàán* reading, counting, studying, education

**kwánnèè** can be counted, read, studied  
**kwànnò** the act of reading, counting, studying  
**kwan** [kwáán] *noun*  
 reading, counting, studying, education  
**kwano** [kwànnò] *noun*  
 counting, reading  
**kwang** [kwàäng] *verb*  
 (to) swim  
**kwáng** swimming  
**kwánnèè** can be swum  
**kwànnòò** swimming across  
**kwango** [kwànnò] *noun*  
 swimming  
**kwany** [kwàány] *verb*  
 1 (to) take, pick, select  
 2 (to) remove from  
**kwánnèè** can be removed, picked up  
**kwànnòò** taking, removing  
**kwàány àcéèl** take one  
**kwar** [kwàär] *noun*  
 red  
*kwàär pfíny* early in the morning; dawn  
**kwaro** [kwàärrò] *noun*  
 progenitors, grandparents  
**kwat** [kwàät] *verb*  
 (to) herd  
*làkwàt* shepherd  
**kwat** [kwàät] *noun*  
 herding  
**kwaya** [kwàýá] *noun*  
 espionage  
**kwayo** [kwàýyò] *verb*  
 herding

**kwayo** [kwàýyò] *verb*  
 begging  
**kwe** [kwèè] *verb*  
 1 (to) cool, cool down  
 2 pacify  
 3 (of pain) to subsidize  
*òkwèè manok* (the pain) has subsidized a bit  
**kwéyyè** can be cooled, pacified  
**kwéyyò** cooling, pacifying  
**kwe** [kwéé] *adverb*  
 1 in vain  
 2 not successfully  
*àkúrrò kwéé* I waited in vain  
**kwe** [kwèè] *verb*  
 1 (of pain) to subsidize  
 2 to calm (down)  
 3 to comfort, console  
 4 to cool down  
**kwed** [kwèèd] *preposition*  
 with, and  
*kwèddà* with me  
*kwèddí* with you  
**kwek** [kwèèk] *verb*  
 force open especially a child's mouth for medication  
**kwèkkèè** can be opened  
**kwèkkò** opening  
**kweko** [kwèkkò] *noun*  
 forcing open mouth  
**kwele** [kwèlè] *noun*  
 prostitution, lust, flirtation  
**kwene** [kwèné] *adverb*  
 where  
**kwér** [kwèèr] *verb*  
 refuse, reject  
**kwèrrèè** can be rejected  
**kwèrrò** refusal, rejection

**kwér** [kwèèr] *verb*  
 1 (to) celebrate  
 2 (to) observe a ritual  
*kwèèr* celebration ceremony  
*kwèrrò* celebrating  
**kwér** [kwèèr] *noun*  
 celebration, rituals  
**kwèri** [kwèrì] *noun*  
 hoe  
**kwero** [kwèrrò] *noun*  
 celebrating  
**kweyo** [kwéyyò] *noun*  
 sand  
**kweyo** [kwéyyò] *verb*  
 1 pacifying  
 2 cooling, cooling down  
**kwidi** [kwìdì] *noun*  
 1 worm  
 2 maggot  
**kwil** [kwìl] *verb*  
 1 (to) whisper  
 2 (to) hint discreetly  
**kwile** [kwìlèè] *verb*  
 walking stealthily  
**kwilo** [kwìllò] *verb*  
 whispering  
**kwín** [kwìín] *noun*  
 queen (ENG)  
 CFR **dáák kéér**  
**kwiny** [kwìny] *verb*  
 1 (to) dig holes  
 2 (to) excavate  
**kwínnyèè** can be dug  
**kwínnyè** dig for him, dig him out  
**kwínnyò** digging, excavating  
**kwinyo** [kwìnyò] *noun*  
 digging, excavating

**kwir** [kwìir] *noun*  
 poison  
**kwir** [kwìir] *noun*  
 1 casting votes  
 2 ritual to find out a culprit  
*bòllò kwìir* voting, casting vote  
**kwiri** [kwìrì] *adjective*  
 a reliable, sharp, talented, upright person  
**kwiya** [kwíyyá] *adjective*  
 having no idea, not knowing, being ignorant  
**kwo** [kwòò] *verb*  
 (to) sew, tailor, knit, mend torn clothes  
**kwo** [kwòò] *noun*  
 1 living  
 2 life  
 3 lifestyle  
*kwóó nē ràc* his lifestyle is not good  
**kwo** [kwòò] *noun*  
 theft  
*kwòò ràc* theft is bad  
**làkwòò** thief  
**kwoc** [kwòóc] *verb*  
 tailoring, sewing, knitting  
**kwok** [kwòòk] *noun*  
 sweat, perspiration  
**kwok** [kwòòk] *verb*  
 (of food) to go stale  
**kwok** [kwòòk] *verb*  
 (to) take along  
**kwókèè** taking with you  
**kwòkkò** taking with you  
**kwoko** [kwòkò] *noun*  
 an insect that lives in sorghum stalks



**kwoko** [kwòkkò] *noun*  
 1 marinating  
 2 going stale  
**kwogo** [kwògò] *noun*  
 tree species  
**kwon** [kwòdɔ̃] *noun*  
 1 local bread usually from millet, maize etc flour kneaded in hot water and eaten with a sauce  
 2 polenta, dumpling  
 ALSO **dèèk**  
**kwong** [kwòdɔ̃ŋ] *verb*  
 (to) commence, start, begin  
**kwong** [kwòdɔ̃ŋ] *verb*  
 (to) take an oath, swear  
**kwònnngèè** taking an oath  
**kwònnngò** the act of swearing.  
**kwor** [kwòdɔ̃r] *verb*  
 1 (to) appear pale due to poor health, hunger  
 2 (of children playing in a dusty place) to become pale  
**kworo** [kwòdɔ̃rɔ] *noun*  
 wild cat  
**kwore** [kwòdɔ̃rɛ] *verb*  
 winnowing  
**kwot** [kwòdɔ̃t] *verb*  
 (to) fart  
**kwòttò** farting  
**kwot** [kwòdɔ̃t] *noun*  
 shield  
**kwot** [kwòdɔ̃t] *verb*  
 (to) swell  
**kwoto** [kwòdɔ̃tò] *verb*  
 farting

**kwoto** [kwòdɔ̃tò] *verb*  
 backbite, slandering  
**kwoto** [kwòdɔ̃tò] *verb*  
 swelling  
**kwoyo** [kwòdɔ̃yò] *verb*  
 sewing  
**kwòyyò bɔ̀ngó** sewing clothes  
**làkwóóc** tailor

## L I

**la** [là-] *prefix*  
 used to form occupational or doer nouns  
**kwòdɔ̃** theft — **làkwòdɔ̃** a thief  
**PLU lù -**  
**laa** [làā] *noun*  
 skin, hide  
**laa** [làā] *verb*  
 (to) urinate  
**laa** [làā] *noun*  
 saliva  
**lab** [làāb] *verb*  
 (to) remove or separate stone from grain; winnow  
**laba** [làbá] *noun*  
 a plant whose fibre is good for making nets  
**labac** [làbáác] *noun*  
 ramrod  
**labal** [làbáāl] *noun*  
 guinea fowl trap  
 ALSO **làbáál àwénóó**  
**labala** [làbàlà] *noun*  
 fish species  
**labala** [làbàlà] *noun*  
 part of

**bwóllá** when the drums are quiet  
**labele** [làbɛlɛ] *noun*  
 platform  
 ALSO **làbɛlɛ**  
**labelu** [làbɛlú] *noun*  
 imbecile, mentally disturbed  
**labeno** [làbɛnɔ̃] *noun*  
 loin cloth made usually from animal skin for women  
**labet bet** [làbɛt bɛt] *noun*  
 skin loin clothing for men  
**labika** [làbikà] *noun*  
 a spiked weed which sticks on clothing  
**labiribiri** [làbiribiri] *noun*  
 bumblebee  
**labit** [làbɛt] *noun*  
 bait  
**labit** [làbɛt] *adjective*  
 foolish  
**ARA abd**  
**labo** [làbbò] *verb*  
 skimming  
**labo** [làbò] *noun*  
 circle formed by birds flying  
**labok** [làbòk] *adjective*  
 (of fowl) brownish  
**labol** [làbòl] *noun*  
 1 example  
 2 illustration  
**labolo** [làbòlò] *noun*  
 1 bananas  
 2 plantain  
**labong** [làbòŋ] *noun*  
 a person of no royal origin; a comoner  
**labonga** [làbòŋgá] *noun*

liar  
 ALSO **làgòbà**  
**labongo** [làbòŋgò] *noun*  
 shrubs with good ropes  
**labongo** [làbòŋgò] *preposition*  
 without  
**labot** [làbòt] *noun*  
 1 spinster  
 2 bachelor  
**labuka** [làbùkà] *noun*  
 a large tree species with medicinal use for diarrhoea  
**labul** [làbùl] *noun*  
 small intestine  
**labuma** [làbùmá] *noun*  
 swindler  
**labute** [làbùtɛ] *noun*  
 imposter, proud person  
**labututu** [làbùtùtù] *noun*  
 mumps  
**labwam** [làbwàm] *noun*  
 swindler  
**labwor** [làbwòdɔ̃r] *noun*  
 lion  
**labwori** [làbwòrɔ̃] *noun*  
 a tree species, used in buildings  
**labwoto** [làbwòtɔ̃] *noun*  
 an expert in cutting open abscess  
**lac** [làác] *noun*  
 urine  
**laac** [lààác] *adjective*  
 large, broad  
**lacacar** [làcàcàr] *noun*  
 extravagant  
 ALSO **làcàcàró**  
**lacaden** [làcɛdɛn] *noun*  
 vengeful spirits

**lacakacaka** [làcàkàcàkà] *noun*  
a cowpea sauce seasoned  
in unroasted peanut but-  
ter

**lacam** [làcààm] *adjective*  
left handed

**lacan** [làcààn] *noun*  
1 a poor person  
2 a bachelor

**lacanga** [làcàngá] *noun*  
a bony fish  
ALSO ànggàrà

**lacara** [làcàrà] *noun*  
a white foreigner

**lacari** [làcàrí] *noun*  
a thorny tree

**lacaro** [làcàrròd] *adjective*  
having loose morals

**lacať** [làcààť] *noun*  
trader  
PLU lùcààť

**laceden** [làcèén] *adverb*  
1 last 2 later

**lacek** [làcèk] *noun*  
dikdik

**lacele** [làcèlé] *noun*  
a kind of dance

**lacene** [làcéné] *noun*  
edible seasonal green grasshop-  
per  
ALSO òcéné

**lacer** [làcèèr] *noun*  
a plant used for treating  
ulcer

**lacere** [làcèrrèè] *noun*  
a stubborn person, does  
not heed advice

**laco** [làcòd] *noun*  
a man  
PLU còd

**lacoc** [làcòóc] *noun*  
writer

**lacoc** [làcòóc] *noun*  
a sower

**lacoco** [làcòcò] *noun*  
prostitute, lustful or adul-  
terous person

**lacoí** [làcòí] *noun*  
beer, to which hot water  
is added and sucked through  
a pipe

**lacol** [làcòól] *noun*  
peak of a hill  
ALSO làcòól gòť

**lacola** [làcòláj] *noun*  
midwife  
ALSO làcòlló

**lacor** [làcór] *noun*  
an impostor

**lacuc** [làcùùc] *noun*  
right handed  
CFR àcùùc

**lacuko** [làcùkó] *noun*  
fowl crop  
ALSO làcùkó gwèdò

**lacuko** [làcùkò] *noun*  
ankle rattles  
ALSO làcùkòcùkò

**lacung** [làcùùng] *noun*  
representatives

**lacurube** [làcùrùbé] *noun*  
a fine usually animals im-  
posed for taking the wife  
of another

**lacur** [làcùúr] *noun*  
sling stone

**lacwec** [làcwèèc] *noun*  
1 creator  
2 potter

**lacwi** [làcwí] *noun*  
a device for sucking blad  
blood from an infected part  
of the body

**ladeť** [làdèèť] *noun*  
flea

**ladedet** [làdèèť] *noun*  
a tiny bird species

**ladeyo** [làdèyyò] *noun*  
dandy

**ladidi** [làdìdì] *noun*  
miser  
ALSO làgèèť

**ladike** [làdìkèè] *noun*  
a person who is always late  
or delays things

**lading** [làdìng] *noun*  
strainer used especially for  
local beer  
ALSO àdìíng

**ladiro** [làdìró] *noun*  
artisan, craftsman

**ladit** [làdìť] *noun*  
1 old man  
2 big man, chief  
PLU lùdìťťò  
làdìťťò kóóm chairperson

**ladit** [làdìť] *noun*  
miser

**ladum** [làdùùm] *noun*  
1 interpreter  
2 a person well versed in  
foreign languages; poly-  
got

**laduk** [làdùúk] *noun*  
a stick thrown to scare birds

**ladwala** [làdwàlláj] *noun*  
stammer, stratter

**ladwar** [làdwààr] *noun*  
hunter

**ladwok** [làwòók] *noun*  
(of a person) having miss-  
ing tooth

**ladwong** [làdwòóng] *noun*  
big man, elder  
PLU lùdòngò

**lagada** [làgàdáj] *noun*  
reed

**lagal** [làgààl] *noun*  
1 necklace  
2 dogcollar

**lagalo** [làgàló] *noun*  
a fly species

**lagam** [làgààm] *noun*  
a basket

**lagam** [làgààm] *noun*  
response, reply, answer

**lagama** [làgàām] *noun*  
a mentally disturbed per-  
son

**lagara** [làgàrá] *noun*  
red locust

**lagara** [làgàrá] *noun*  
ear rings

**lagedo** [làgèddò] *noun*  
builder  
PLU lùgèddòđò

**lagelo** [làgèló] *noun*  
parrot

**lagem** [làgèèť] *noun*  
miser

**lager** [làgèèr] *noun*  
bow legged

**lagingi** [làgíngí] *noun*  
a nagging person

**lagit** [làgíť] *noun*  
ring  
ALSO àgíť

**lagoba** [làgòbà] *noun*  
liar  
PLU **lùgòbà**  
**lagoga** [làgògà] *noun*  
joker  
**lagot** [làgòt] *noun*  
hoe handle  
**lagut** [làgúút] *noun*  
wagtail  
**laguti** [làgúti] *noun*  
an edible variety of mushroom  
**lagwar** [làgwààr] *noun*  
zebra  
**lagwe** [làgwéé] *noun*  
lizard  
**lajayi** [làjàyi] *noun*  
cowpeas mixed with simsim paste  
**lajimo** [làjímò] *noun*  
a kind of simsism  
**lajok** [làjòk] *noun*  
wizard, witch  
PLU **lùjógù**  
**laju** [làjú] *noun*  
patches of grass in water  
**lajwa** [làjwàà] *noun*  
duiker, oribi  
**lajwa lak** [làjwáà lààk] *noun*  
tooth brush  
**lak** [lààk] *noun*  
1 tooth  
2 tusk  
**lak** [làāk] *verb*  
(to) wander, roam  
**lak** [lààk] *noun*  
wandering, roaming  
**lak** [lààk] *verb*  
to creep, crawl

**lak** [làāk] *verb*  
(to) rinse  
**lakac** [làkàc] *noun*  
ostrich feathers  
**lakaibona** [làkàibónà] *noun*  
a green female grasshopper  
**lakaka** [làkàkà] *noun*  
a lizard species  
**lakal** [làkààl] *noun*  
a palace dweller  
**lakalagwe** [làkàlàgwééc] *noun*  
swallow  
**lakalakidi** [làkàlàkìdì] *noun*  
grass laced into a rope for tying firewood  
**lakalatwe** [làkàlàtweè] *noun*  
star  
ALSO **làtweé**  
**lakap** [làkàp] *noun*  
diaphragm  
**lakar** [làkààr] *noun*  
Y shaped  
**lakarac** [làkààràc] *noun*  
a three legged curved stool  
**lakele** [làkélé] *noun*  
the smaller drums in a set  
**laker** [làkéér] *noun*  
having a royal blood or connection  
**lakere** [làkèrè] *noun*  
a newly born baby, an infant  
**lakere** [làkèrrè] *noun*  
a person with a natural teeth gap  
**laket** [làkéét] *noun*  
comb  
**lakeya** [làkèyā] *noun*  
daughter of one's sister;

my niece  
**làkèyò** being a niece  
**lakica** [làkìcà] *noun*  
a kind or merciful person  
PLU **lùkìcà**  
**lakide** [làkìdé] *noun*  
grass with a bushy head  
**lakidi** [làkìdì] *noun*  
stone  
ALSO **kìdì**  
**lakili** [làkìlì] *noun*  
a nagging child, person  
**lakilikili** [làkìlìkìlì] *noun*  
a kind of sauce  
**lakapiripiri** [làkàpìrìpìrì] *noun*  
a small bottle used a measurement of local alcohol  
ALSO **kàtòp**  
**lakiribala** [làkìribàlà] *noun*  
a large grasshopper  
ALSO **àtikò**  
**lako** [làkkò] *verb*  
inheritance, levirate  
**lako** [làkkò] *verb*  
rinsing  
**lakobo** [làkòbò] *noun*  
head gear  
ALSO **làkòbé**  
**lakodo** [làkòdò] *noun*  
a small granary  
**lakok** [làkòók] *noun*  
thatch that is put at the apex  
**lakol** [làkòól] *noun*  
a prisoner pegged down  
**lakologoc** [làkòlògòc] *noun*  
wooden spoon (metal)  
**lakucel** [làkùcèl] *adverb*  
one sidedly

**lakucu kucu** [làkùcù kùcù] *noun*  
small ants  
**lakuru** [làkùrù] *noun*  
(of hen) short  
ALSO **làkùúr**  
**lakwal** [làkwáál] *noun*  
bird species, babbler  
**lakwana** [làkwàà] *noun*  
red earth used for the hair  
**lakwara** [làkwàrrá] *noun*  
my grandchild  
PLU **lùkwàà**  
**lakwat** [làkwààt] *noun*  
sheperd  
PLU **lùkwààt**  
**lakwele** [làkwèllè] *noun*  
a loose girl  
PLU **lùkwèlè**  
**lakwena** [làkwènnà] *noun*  
messenger  
PLU **lùkwènnà**  
**lakwo** [làkwò] *noun*  
thief  
PLU **lùkwò**  
**lakwo** [làkwò] *noun*  
1 survivor  
2 a person who enjoys high-life  
**lakwor** [làkwòr] *noun*  
enemy  
**lal** [lààl] *verb*  
(to) get lost, waste away  
**lala** [làlà] *noun*  
cooking utensil (of metal)  
**lala** [làláá] *noun*  
a bitter vegetable  
**lalago** [làlàgò] *noun*  
a large head ornament  
**lalako** [làlàkò] *noun*  
an inheritor



**lalar** [làláár] *noun*  
 saviour  
 làlárá my saviour  
 làlárwú your saviour

**lalek** [làlèk] *noun*  
 pestle

**lalele** [làléléè] *noun*  
 rivulets

**lalem** [làlèèm] *noun*  
 ostrich feathers at the bottom of a shield

**lalem** [làléém] *noun*  
 a cow without horns

**laliya** [làliyá] *noun*  
 a tree species

**lalo** [làllò] *verb*  
 1 to spread  
 2 to squander

**laloka** [làlòkā] *noun*  
 a foreigner (usually from across the Nile)  
 PLU lùlòká

**lalongyo** [làlònnýò] *noun*  
 a rich person; wealthy  
 PLU lùlònyò

**lalar** [làlór] *noun*  
 head gear

**laluk** [làlùk] *noun*  
 a cow with the horns bent down

**lalur** [làlúúr] *noun*  
 hyena  
 ALSO làngwídí

**lalur** [làlùúr] *noun*  
 (of a woman) barren

**lalwee** [làlwèè] *noun*  
 a man with one testicle

**lam** [lààm] *noun*  
 not enough of a thing

**lam** [làám] *noun*  
 1 cursing  
 2 blessing

**lam** [làām] *verb*  
 1 (to) bless  
 2 (to) curse

**lamal** [lààmàl] *noun*  
 a mad person, a mental case

**lamar** [làámáár] *noun*  
 friend  
 làmàrá my friend

**lamara** [lààmàrà] *noun*  
 my cousin  
 làmàrrò being a cousin

**lamele** [làmélé] *noun*  
 a bird species, finch

**lamera** [làmèrà] *noun*  
 my sister  
 làmèrrú your sister  
 ALSO làmègù

**lamero** [làmérrò] *noun*  
 alcoholic, drunkard  
 PLU lùmèró

**lamin** [làmin] *noun*  
 sister  
 PLU lùmègò

**laming** [làming] *noun*  
 stupid  
 PLU lùmíngó

**lamiru** [làmírú] *noun*  
 slave

**lame** [làmmèè] *verb*  
 to curse

**lamo** [làmmò] *verb*  
 cursing

**lamo** [làmmò] *verb*  
 remove by soaking in water

**lamola** [làmólá] *noun*

a simislim like plant grown for its oil

**lamluny** [làmlúuny] *noun*  
 a decorative device for a slayer of a big beast

**lamone** [làmòné] *noun*  
 an enemy  
 PLU lùmòné

**lanek** [làněk] *noun*  
 a murderer

**langala** [làngállá] *noun*  
 a joker, jester

**langangayo** [làngàngàyó] *noun*  
 grass type with roots eaten by children

**langayo** [làngàyó] *noun*  
 a green grasshopper

**langere** [lànggèrèè] *noun*  
 bed  
 ARA angerib

**langogo** [làngógó] *noun*  
 chameleon

**langok** [làngók] *noun*  
 pimples

**langolo** [làngòlò] *noun*  
 a cripple

**langoya** [làngòyá] *noun*  
 a long rope

**lalur** [làlúúr] *noun*  
 hyena

**languna** [làngúná] *noun*  
 liar

**langwidi** [làngwídí] *noun*  
 hyena  
 ALSO làlúúr

**lagwilo** [làgwillò] *noun*  
 tree species used as poles

**lany** [làāny] *verb*  
 (to) waste

**lanyal** [lànyáál] *noun*  
 an insect found in water

**lanyata** [lànyátà] *noun*  
 earthworm

**lanyate** [lànyàttèè] *noun*  
 a proud person

**lanyo** [lànnýò] *verb*  
 1 to beat be better, excel  
 2 squander, waste

**lanyate** [lànyàttèè] *noun*  
 a proud person

**lanyiri** [lànyírí] *noun*  
 a kind of bracelet

**lanyuru** [lànyúúrú] *noun*  
 a baby  
 ALSO ònyúú

**lanyut** [lànyúút] *noun*  
 an example

**laor** [làòr] *noun*  
 a messenger

**laora** [làórá] *noun*  
 a river or brook

**lapac** [làpáác] *noun*  
 carpenter

**lapaco** [làpàccó] *noun*  
 a villager, a commoner  
 ALSO látédèrò

**laparanat** [làpàrànat] *noun*  
 a bird species

**lapel** [làpéél] *noun*  
 patchy

**lapel** [làpèèl] *noun*  
 dance ornament

**lapele** [làpèlè] *noun*  
 1 restless person  
 2 hyperactive person

**lapidi** [làpiddì] *noun*  
 child minder

**lapido** [làpiddò] *noun*  
 plaintiff

**lapi** [làpí] *noun*  
royal messenger

**lapi** [làpí] *noun*  
wood used for starting fire

**lapira** [làpírá] *noun*  
earwig

**lapiru** [làpírū] *noun*  
whirlwind

**lapit** [làpìt] *noun*  
nurse

**lapiya** [làpíyá] *noun*  
an instigator

**lapok** [làpók] *noun*  
tilapia

**lapoti** [làpótí] *noun*  
an imitator

**lapoya** [làpòyá] *noun*  
a mentally disturbed person

**lapuku** [làpùkú] *noun*  
a weed

**laput** [làpùt] *noun*  
a malnourished child

**laput** [làpùt] *noun*  
oil lamp

**laputa** [làpùtá] *noun*  
cowpea sauce prepared for a mother of twins

**lapwopwo** [làpwópwo] *noun*  
butterfly

**lar** [làár] *verb*  
1 (to) save, rescue  
2 (to) scramble  
3 (to) compete for  
làrrèè being saved  
làrrò saving, rescuing

**lar** [làár] *noun*  
rescuing, saving

**laraka raka** [làràkà rákà] *noun*  
courtship dance usually for

the youth  
ALSO òráák

**lare** [làrèè] *noun*  
friend  
làrèmmā my friend

**larere** [làréré] *noun*  
small red lizard

**laro** [làrò] *noun*  
a large stone surface used for drying and threshing grain, especially millet

**laro** [làrrò] *noun*  
1 saving, rescuing  
2 scrambling

**larok** [làròk] *noun*  
foreigner  
ALSO mèròk  
PLU lùròk

**larok** [làròk] *noun*  
an ornamental axe

**laromo** [làròmó] *noun*  
gecko lizard

**lare** [làrrèè] *verb*  
being saved  
làrrò quibbling over, saving

**larum** [làrùum] *noun*  
the ribs

**larwece** [làrwécèè] *noun*  
tree whose bark can be used for fishing  
ALSO làrwécòd

**latam** [làtáám] *noun*  
handkerchief  
ALSO kítàmbàrà

**latam** [làtáám] *noun*  
thinker

**latati** [làtátí] *noun*  
an active restless child

**lataya** [làtáyá] *adverb*  
forever

**lated** [làtèd] *noun*  
cooking utensils

**latedo** [làtèdò] *noun*  
a cook  
PLU lùtèdò

**latek** [làtéék] *noun*  
a lazy person who does not want to be sent

**latek** [làtèk] *noun*  
simsim seasoning

**latek** [làtéék] *noun*  
smoking pipe

**lateke teke** [làtèkè téké] *noun*  
grashopper

**latel** [làtèl] *noun*  
leader  
PLU lùtèllà

**lateme** [làtèmé] *noun*  
wild banana

**laten** [làtèèn] *noun*  
pillow

**latet** [làtèèt] *noun*  
blacksmith

**latin** [làtīn] *noun*  
child

**latok** [làtók] *noun*  
ladle for dishing food

**latong** [làtóng] *noun*  
axe

**latwe** [làtwéé] *noun*  
star  
ALSO làkàlàtwé

**latwok** [làtwók] *noun*  
morning star, venus

**latworo** [làtwóró] *noun*  
a bird species, fly-catcher

**latyet** [làtyèèt] *noun*  
diviner

**lawac kom** [làwàc kòm] *noun*  
a lazy person

**lawala** [làwàlà] *noun*  
a loop for game

**lawang** [làwàng] *noun*  
representative

**lawany** [làwàny] *noun*  
1 miser  
2 expecting other peoples food

**lawat** [làwàt] *noun*  
(of a person) having the qualities of a relative, by making courtesy calls

**lawi** [làwì] *noun*  
head of  
làwì lwéeny military leader  
làwì mōn leader of women

**lawil** [làwìl] *noun*  
buyer, merchant  
PLU lùwìl

**lawiny** [làwíny] *noun*  
1 traditional pleated skirts  
2 rags

**lawinya** [làwìnyà] *noun*  
foodstuff mostly of simsim butter mixed with honey etc

**lawol** [làwòl] *noun*  
a poisoner

**lawor** [làwòr] *noun*  
yesterday  
làwòrrò mácàà the day after yesterday  
ALSO làwòrrò

**laworo** [làwórró] *noun*  
obedient person  
PLU lùwórrò

**laworo** [làwòrrò] *noun*  
a miser

**lawot** [lâwòt] *noun*  
a traveller

**laworo** [lâwòrrò] *noun*  
yesterday  
ALSO **lâwòṛ**

**layab** [làyááb] *noun*  
an opener, key

**layak** [làyàk] *noun*  
robber

**layata** [làyàtá] *noun*  
potatoes  
ALSO **kìyátá**

**layibi** [làyìbì] *noun*  
granary roof lifting pole

**layido** [làyìdó] *noun*  
a skin disease affecting mostly  
the joints

**layir** [làyíír] *noun*  
bewitcher  
PLU **lùyíír**

**layo** [làyỳò] *verb*  
urinating

**layom** [làyòòm] *noun*  
a circumcised person

**layuta** [làyùtá] *noun*  
trap for birds

**laywa** [làywàà] *noun*  
ruining crops through be-  
witching

**laywe** [làywèè] *noun*  
broom for the outside

**leb** [lééb] *noun*  
1 tongue  
2 language  
**lébbé kèèc** she has a bitter  
tongue  
**lééb múnú** the whiteman's  
language; English

**leb** [lèèb] *verb*  
(to) carry

**lebe lebe** [lèbè lèbè] *adverb*  
hanging loosely

**lébbèè** can be carried

**lèbbò** to carry

**lec** [lééc] *noun*  
inherit

**lede** [lédèè] *verb*  
to speak continuously

**lèddò** speaking non stop

**lee** [lèè] *verb*  
inherit, receive

**lee** [lèè] *noun*  
1 animal  
2 game

**lee** [lèè] *noun*  
axe

**leg** [lèèg] *noun*  
(to) pray, ask, request, plead

**lega** [lèggà] *noun*  
prayers  
**lèggò** praying

**lego** [lèggò] *verb*  
1 begging  
2 praying

**lejaleja** [lèjà léjà] *noun*  
manual work (usually sea-  
sonal)

**lek** [lèèk] *noun*  
dream  
**lèkkòṛ** dreaming

**lèla** [lélá] *noun*  
rock

**lèla** [lèlà] *noun*  
bicycle

**lèl** [lèèl] *verb*  
stir seasoning  
**lèllò** stirring in seasoning

**lem** [lèèm] *noun*  
cheek

**lem** [lèèm] *verb*  
feeling sick

**lèmmò** nauseating

**lem** [lèèm] *verb*  
1 lick  
2 lap

**leng** [lééng] *adjective*  
brand new

**leng** [lèèng] *verb*  
(to) give way  
**lèngò yòṛ** giving way

**leng** [lèèng] *adjective*  
1 clean, pure  
2 holy  
**wànnè lèèng** it is clean, she  
is a good person

**lenga** [lèngá] *noun*  
charm, amulet

**lenga** [lèngá] *noun*  
white or red lilly

**lengo** [lènnngò] *verb*  
1 blow a whistle  
2 inflate a ball

**leny** [lèèny] *noun*  
heartburn

**leny** [lèèny] *verb*  
melt, liquefy

**ler** [lèèr] *noun*  
artery, vein

**lewic** [lèwìc] *noun*  
shame

**leyo** [lèyyò] *verb*  
1 search  
2 snatch

**lib** [lììb] *verb*  
(to) stalk, skim  
**lìbbò** skimming

**libira** [lìbìrà] *noun*  
needle

**libo** [lìbó] *noun*  
(of milk) fresh

**lic** [lìic] *verb*  
(to) thaw

**ligo** [lìggò] *verb*  
to make it no longer sharp,  
blunt

**li** [lì] *verb*  
(to) pour slowly in trickle

**lik** [lìik] *adjective*  
slow and awkward

**lil** [lìl] *noun*  
charred grass blown by the  
wind

**lil** [lìl] *verb*  
(to) polish

**lilo** [lìllò] *verb*  
1 polishing  
2 levelling

**lim** [lìim] *adjective*  
sweet

**lim** [lìim] *noun*  
1 money  
2 wealth  
3 bride price

**lim** [lìim] *verb*  
(to) visit, pay a visit to  
**lìmmò** visiting

**ling** [lìíng] *noun*  
a small knife for harvest-  
ing millet

**ling** [lìíng] *noun*  
mineral salt  
ALSO **kàdò lííng**

**ling** [lììng] *verb*  
(to) be quiet, silent  
**lìnnngò** being quiet

**ling** [lììng] *adverb*  
absolutely quiet, still



*píng ólǐng ní lǐng* it was absolutely quiet  
**lingo** [línngò] *noun*  
 keeping quiet  
**lir** [lǐr] *verb*  
 (to) cut into strips  
*lírreè* can be cut into strips  
*lirrò* cutting into strips  
**lir** [lǐr] *verb*  
 (to) hang about, linger, circulate  
**liro** [lirrò] *noun*  
 stripping  
**lit** [lìt] *adjective*  
 painful, sore  
**liyo** [liyyò] *verb*  
 filtering  
**lobele** [lòbélé] *noun*  
 platform  
 ALSO *lâbélé*  
**lobo** [lòbò] *noun*  
 earth, land, the world  
**loc** [lòc] *noun*  
 peg  
**loc** [lócc] *noun*  
 governance  
**loco** [lòccò] *verb*  
 (to) alternate  
**lodi** [lòdì] *noun*  
 short Y shaped poles  
**lomoro** [lòmòrò] *noun*  
 gizzard  
**log** [lògg] *verb*  
 to loosen a rope etc  
**logule** [lògùlè] *noun*  
 elbow  
 ALSO *òtwééng*  
**logwete** [lògwètè] *noun*  
 sling

**lok** [lòčk] *noun*  
 word, speech, case  
**lok** [lòčk] *verb*  
 change, exchange, swap  
*lòkkèè* can be exchanged, changed  
*lòkkò* changing, exchanging  
**loka** [lòká] *noun*  
 across, other side (usually of a river, lake etc)  
**loko** [lòkkò] *verb*  
 changing, exchanging, swapping  
**lolim** [lòlím] *noun*  
 hornless cow  
**long** [lòōng] *verb*  
 to winnow  
*lònnngò* bell winnowing  
**long** [lòōng] *noun*  
 1 trousers (ENG)  
 2 *mòtòlòn*  
 ARA *motolon*  
**longo** [lòngò] *adverb*  
 only  
**longo** [lòngò] *adjective*  
 (of noise, voice, speech) clearly audible  
**lony** [lòōny] *verb*  
 1 (of a child) to increase in size  
 2 (of a person) to become rich  
**lonyo** [lòōnyò] *noun*  
 riches, fortune, wealth  
**loo** [lòō] *verb*  
 1 (to) rule, rule over  
 2 to conquer  
 3 (to) defeat

4 (to) be overcome, defeated  
**loo** [lòō] *verb*  
 (to) melt, thaw  
**lor** [lòōr] *verb*  
 (to) shut, close  
*lòrrò* shutting, closing  
**lor** [lòōr] *verb*  
 (to) push  
*lòrrò* pushing  
**loro** [lòrò] *noun*  
 an outdoor rack for putting things on, drying utensils etc  
**loro** [lòrrò] *noun*  
 1 shutting, closing  
 2 pushing  
**lot** [lòōt] *verb*  
 (to) sprout, grow  
**loyo** [lòyyò] *verb*  
 1 to win  
 2 to defeat  
 3 to overcome  
 4 to exceed  
**loyo** [lòyyò] *noun*  
 1 ruling, leading  
 2 exceeding 3 defeating  
**lub** [lùūb] *verb*  
 (to) follow, trace  
**lubanga** [lùbàngà] *noun*  
 God  
 BNT *ruhanga*  
 ALSO *rùbàngà*  
**lucoro** [lùcòró] *noun*  
 a large tree with thorny branches  
**ludok** [lùdòčk] *adjective*  
 naked  
**luga** [lùgá] *noun*  
 a shrub

**lugaga** [lùgàgà] *noun*  
 charm buried to harm  
**lugogo** [lùgògò] *noun*  
 papyrus like reeds  
**lujiko** [lùjikò] *noun*  
 gonorrhea  
**luk** [lùūk] *verb*  
 (to) follow  
 ALSO *lùūb*  
**luk** [lùūk] *noun*  
 fine imposed for violating a girl  
**luk** [lùūk] *verb*  
 (of hair) to overgrow  
**lukeme** [lùkèmə] *noun*  
 musical instrument; thumb piano.  
**luker** [lùkéér] *noun*  
 of, related to royalty  
**lukiko** [lùkíkò] *noun*  
 court  
 BNT *lukiko*  
**lukile** [lùkílè] *noun*  
 ornamental axe  
**lukoko** [lùkòkò] *noun*  
 grass species  
**lukiro** [lùkírò] *noun*  
 taboo  
**lukulo** [lùkùlò] *noun*  
 yorghut  
**lukut** [lùkùt] *noun*  
 remains of polenta as beer  
**lukwa** [lùkwáà] *noun*  
 descendents  
*lùkwáyā* my grandchildren  
**lulibo** [lùlìbbò] *noun*  
 terrorists, gangsters  
**lulu** [lùlù] *noun*  
 copper bracelets

**lunebi** [lùnébì] *noun*  
 prophets  
 ARA *nebi*  
 SGL *lànèbì*

**lung** [lùṅg] *noun*  
 slope

**lung** [lùṅg] *verb*  
 (to) bend, lower

**lunge** [lùṅgèè] *verb*  
 round  
 lùṅṅò making round

**lungo** [lùṅṅò] *noun*  
 lowering the eye, head down

**luny** [lùṅny] *verb*  
 1 (to) take off clothing  
 2 (to) undress  
 lùṅnyèè she is undressing  
 lùṅnyèèè undressing  
 lùṅnyò the act of undressing

**lunyo** [lùṅnyò] *noun*  
 taking off clothes; undressing

**lunyodo** [lùṅyòdò] *noun*  
 parents

**lunywan** [lùṅyáán] *noun*  
 naked

**lupoya** [lùpòyá] *noun*  
 madmen  
 SGL *làpòyá*

**lupwonye** [lùpwònyé] *noun*  
 teachers  
 SGL *làpwònyé*

**lupwu** [lùpwùú] *noun*  
 mist, fog

**lur** [lùùr] *noun*  
 being barren, sterile

**lur** [lùùr] *verb*  
 (to) pour slowly in trickle

**lure** [lùrré] *noun*  
 flute

**lurogo** [lùrògò] *noun*  
 a plant

**luru** [lùrrù] *verb*  
 trample

**luru** [lùrù] *noun*  
 dregs

**lut** [lùùt] *noun*  
 stick

**lut** [lùùt] *verb*  
 (to) dip hand etc in a liquid  
 lùttèè can be dipped  
 lùttò dipping hand etc

**lut** [lùùt] *noun*  
 fish species; eel

**luto** [lùttò] *noun*  
 dipping hand in

**lukot** [lùtkòt] *noun*  
 lightning

**lutori** [lùtòrì] *noun*  
 plant with prickly leaves

**lùù** *adverb*  
 covered in smoke

**lwak** [lwààk] *noun*  
 1 crowd  
 2 herd  
 3 multitude  
 PLU *lwàkkí*

**lwango** [lwàngò] *noun*  
 fly

**lwar** [lwáár] *noun*  
 grey hair

**lweka** [lwékà] *noun*  
 okra, lady fingers  
 ALSO *òtígó*

**lweko** [lwèkkò] *verb*  
 roaming

**lweny** [lwéény] *noun*  
 fighting, war, battles

**lwer** [lwèēr] *verb*  
 cut trim, prune

**lwet** [lwéét] *verb*  
 nails (finger and toe)

**lwi** [lwíi] *verb*  
 whistle

**lwi** [lwíi] *verb*  
 (to) escape

**lwíic** *noun*  
 whistling

**lwíiny** *verb*  
 1 (to) dive (into water)  
 2 (to) sink

**lwinyo** [lwíinyò] *noun*  
 1 diving  
 2 sinking

**lwir** [lwíir] *verb*  
 (to) not conceive easily  
 lwírròò prolonged period of not bearing

**lwit** [lwíit] *noun*  
 charm, amulet

**lwit** [lwíit] *noun*  
 root

**lwiyo** [lwíyyò] *noun*  
 whistling

**lwob** [lwòòb] *verb*  
 (to) tie  
 lwòbbèè can be tied  
 lwòbbò tying

**lwobo** [lwòbbò] *noun*  
 tying

**lwoc** [lwóóc] *noun*  
 fog, mist

**lwok** [lwòòk] *verb*  
 (to) wash  
 lwòkkò washing

**lwoko** [lwòkkò] *verb*  
 1 seeing off a guest  
 2 washing

**lwoko** [lwòkkò] *noun*  
 washing

**lwong** [lwòṅg] *verb*  
 (to) call, summon  
 lwòṅṅò summoning

**lwongo** [lwòṅṅò] *noun*  
 summoning, calling

**lwor** [lwòòr] *verb*  
 (to) respect  
 lwóró béèr respect is good  
 lwòrrèè showing respect  
 lwórròò the act of respecting

**lwor** [lwòòr] *verb*  
 (to) fear  
 lwòrrò rác fear is a bad thing

**lwor** [lwòòr] *adjective*  
 fearful

**lworo** [lwòrrò] *noun*  
 respecting

**lworo** [lwòrrò] *noun*  
 fear

**lworo** [lwòrrò] *noun*  
 fearing

**lya** [lyàà] *adverb*  
 in long shreds

**lyak** [lyáák] *noun*  
 root  
 ALSO *lwíit*

**lyako** [lyàkkò] *verb*  
 (to) grind till smooth

**lye** [lyèè] *noun*  
 recently scorched ground  
 ALSO *lyèèk*  
 CFR *ráá*

**lyec** [lyèèc] *noun*  
 elephant

**lyedi** [lyèdɪ] *noun*  
razor blade

**lyek** [lyèèk] *noun*  
a piece of land with grass  
recently burnt  
ALSO **lyèè**

**lyel** [lyèèl] *noun*  
grave tomb  
**lyèllèè** his grave  
**lyèlli** the late, the deceased

**lyel** [lyèèl] *verb*  
1 (of fire torch) to burn  
2 set fire to  
**lyéél** is burning  
**lyèllò** setting it on fire

**lyel** [lyèèl] *verb*  
shave  
**lyèllò** shaving

**lyelo** [lyèllò] *noun*  
1 shaving  
2 setting alight

**lyer** [lyéér] *noun*  
structure on which simsim  
is dried

**lyer** [lyèèr] *verb*  
to cook vegetables, usu-  
ally with a minimum of  
seasoning

**lyere** [lyèrréè] *verb*  
swing (from tree to tree)

**lyet** [lyèèt] *verb*  
(to) warm up, heat up  
**lyéttèè** can be warmed up,  
heated up  
**lyèttò** warming up, heat-  
ing up.

**lyet** [lyèèt] *adjective*  
hot

**lyeto** [lyèttò] *noun*  
warming up, heating up

**lyono** [lyòno] *noun*  
a plant with a tuber

## M m

**ma** [mā] *pronoun*  
the one which  
**mā bēèr** a good one

**maa** [māa] *verb*  
1 (to) take by force  
2 (to) confiscate  
3 (to) mug

**maa** [māa] *noun*  
my mother  
CFR **mènní** your mother

**mabuc** [màbùùc] *noun*  
prison  
ARA *maboush*

**mabur** [màbùùr] *noun*  
steamer  
ARA *babour*

**mabura** [mábùrà] *noun*  
file, for sharpening  
ARA *mafura*

**mac** [màac] *noun*  
1 fire  
2 light

**mac** [māac] *noun*  
robbery, confiscation

**maca** [màcāa] *adverb*  
that one

**macalo** [màcálo] *adverb*  
for example, like, as

**mad** [māad] *verb*  
1 (to) swab, clean wound  
2 (to) massage  
**màddèè** can be swabbed

**màddí** swab  
**màddò** swabbing

**mado** [màddò] *noun*  
swabbing

**madara** [màdàrà] *noun*  
1 sun glasses  
2 mirror  
ARA *nadara*

**maga** [màgà] *adverb*  
full of a river overflowing

**majan** [màjàn] *noun*  
weighing scale  
ARA *wazaan*

**majan cai** [màjàn cáî] *noun*  
tea leaves  
SWA *majan*

**mak** [màak] *verb*  
1 (to) hold, catch  
2 (to) capture, arrest  
3 (to) be afflicted by an ill-  
ness  
4 (to) take care of a home,  
manage a family  
5 (to) catch fish  
**mákkèè** can be held, cap-  
tured, arrested  
**màkkò** holding, catching,  
arresting  
**màkkò rééc** fishing

**maka** [màkàa] *noun*  
charcoal  
SWA *makaa*

**makatala** [màkátàlā] *noun*  
work to be completed at  
a fixed time  
SWA *maktala*

**makatap** [màkátàp] *noun*  
court  
ARA *makhtaab*

**mako** [màkkò] *verb*  
1 (of a person) to spend  
time in prison, incarcerated  
2 to acquire qualities  
3 to be caught

**mako** [màkkò] *noun*  
catching

**mal** [màal] *verb*  
(to) wander aimlessly

**mal** [màal] *verb*  
(to) fry

**málāgò** *noun*  
spoon  
ARA *malaga*

**malakwang** [màlàkwāang] *noun*  
sour tasting vegetable

**malaya** [màláyā] *noun*  
harlot, prostitute  
SWA *malaya*

**maleria** [màlérià] *noun*  
malaria (ENG)

**mali** [máli] *noun*  
wealth  
ARA *maal*

**man** [màan] *demonstrative*  
this

**malo** [màló] *preposition*  
up

**man** [màan] *noun*  
scrotum

**man** [māan] *verb*  
(to) go around, circumvent  
**mànnèè** going around  
**mànnò** going round

**many** [māāny] *verb*  
(to) glance around, survey  
the surrounding

**mar** [māār] *verb*  
(to) love, like



**márrèè** can be loved, lovable  
**màrrò** loving  
**mar** [máár] *noun*  
 love  
**mara** [màrrá] *pronoun*  
 my mother in law  
**màrrò** being a mother in law  
**màrrè** his mother in law  
**marina** [màrinà] *noun*  
 dance costume  
**maro** [màrrò] *noun*  
 liking, loving  
**maro** [màrò] *noun*  
 being a mother in law  
**maro** [màrrò] *noun*  
 loving  
**mat** [mààt] *verb*  
 1 (to) drink  
 2 (to) smoke  
**mààt pfi** drink water  
**máttèè** can be drunk  
**màttò** drinking  
**mat** [mààt] *noun*  
 1 drinking  
 2 smoking  
**matapwal** [màtàpwáli] *noun*  
 bricks  
 SWA *matafali*  
**matata** [màtátà] *noun*  
 problems trouble  
 SWA *matata*  
**mato** [màttò] *noun*  
 drinking  
**mayiro** [máýĩrò] *noun*  
 mile  
 (ENG)  
**me** [mé] *preposition*

for, with  
*mé cāām* for eating  
**med** [mèèd] *verb*  
 1 add  
 2 increase  
*mèèd máác* increase the fire  
*mèddā* add to me  
*mèddē* add to him  
**mèddèè** can be added  
**mèddò** adding, increasing  
**medo** [mèddò] *noun*  
 adding, increasing  
**mee** [mèè] *verb*  
 1 (to) thaw  
 2 (to) melt  
**mee** [méé] *noun*  
 1 thawing  
 2 melting  
**meço** [mèçò] *noun*  
 motherhood  
**meja** [méjà] *noun*  
 table  
 SWA *mezaa*  
**meja** [méjà] *noun*  
 major, the rank (ENG)  
**mel** [mèèl] *noun*  
 steamer  
**mel** [mèél] *noun*  
 without rain  
**membra** [mémvà] *noun*  
 member (ENG)  
 ALSO *làmémbà*  
 PLU *lùmémvà*  
**meni** [mèñi] *noun*  
 your mother  
**meno** [mèñò] *pronoun*  
 that one  
**mer** [mèèr] *noun*  
 getting used to; making friendship

**mer** [mèèr] *verb*  
 (to) get drunk  
**mèrró** being drunk, getting drunk  
**mera** [mèrá] *pronoun*  
 mine  
**mere** [mèrèè] *verb*  
 boasting  
**meri** [mèrifi] *pronoun*  
 yours  
**mero** [mèrró] *noun*  
 getting drunk, being drunk  
**merok** [mèròk] *noun*  
 foreigner  
 ALSO *làròk*  
**meny** [mèeny] *verb*  
 (to) ignite, light, switch on  
**meyo** [mèyyò] *verb*  
 (of fire) to keep it going, spreading  
**meyo** [mèyyò] *verb*  
 melting, thawing  
**meyo** [mèyyò] *verb*  
 (to) make one feel sick especially after eating a sweet thing, nauseating  
**mic** [míc] *noun*  
 gift, present  
**mica** [mícà] *noun*  
 mass  
 ITA *messà*  
**mican** [mícān] *noun*  
 (of church) mission (ENG)  
 ALSO *mícōn*  
**micon** [mícōn] *noun*  
 (of church) mission (ENG)  
 ALSO *mícān*  
**mida** [mídá] *noun*  
 a skin disease

**mido** [mìddò] *verb*  
 (to) exude, extend out disproportionately  
**mi** [mĩ] *verb*  
 (to) give, offer  
**mi** [mĩ] *verb*  
 (of eye) to close  
**mil** [mĩl] *verb*  
 (to) glitter, sparkle  
**mile** [mĩlè] *noun*  
 salt  
 ARA *mile*  
 ALSO *kàdò*  
**min** [mĩn] *noun*  
 mother  
*mĩnná* my mother  
*mĩnnèè* the mother, her mother  
**min** [mĩn] *noun*  
 the female of  
*mĩn dyàáng* cow  
**min** [mĩn] *adjective*  
 big, huge  
*mĩn gòdò* a big hill  
**min** [mĩn] *verb*  
 (to) twist, twirl  
**ming** [mĩng] *adjective*  
 foolish, stupid  
**minyo** [mĩnyò] *noun*  
 suet  
**miri** [mĩrĩ] *noun*  
 government  
**mĩrĩ** *noun*  
 charcoal  
 ALSO *bĩlò, màkáàr*  
**mit** [mĩt] *noun*  
 desire, liking, love  
**mit** [mĩt] *verb*  
 like, desire, love  
**mĩttèè** desirable, necessary

**mítí** desire, like  
**mìttò** desiring  
**mit** [mìt] *adjective*  
 1 (of food) tasty  
 2 (of a speech) good  
**miti** [mìtí] *noun*  
 desire, desiring  
**mito** [mìttò] *noun*  
 liking, desiring  
**miya** [míyà] *noun*  
 hundred  
 SWA *mia*  
**miyo** [mìyyò] *verb*  
 giving  
**miyo** [mìyyò] *verb*  
 closing the eyes or clasp-  
 ing the hands  
**mo** [mòò] *noun*  
 1 oil  
 2 fat  
 3 ghee, butter  
*mòò nyìim* simsim oil  
**mo** [mòò] *noun*  
 pulp  
**mo** [mòò] *adverb*  
 somewhere, anywhere, wher-  
 ever  
**mo** [mòò] *adverb*  
 some  
*mìyā mòò* give me some  
**moo** [mòò] *verb*  
 put out to dry  
**móòc** drying out  
**mòyyò** spreading out to  
 dry **mònnò** drying  
**mok** [mòòk] *verb*  
 (to) light, kindle  
*mòòk mààc* ignite fire  
**mókkèè** can be ignited  
**mòkkò** igniting fire

**mok** [mòòk] *verb*  
 eating powdery stuff, lap  
*mòòk cùkàrì* lap sugar  
**mókkèè** can be lapped  
**mòkkò** lapping  
**moko** [mókó] *adverb*  
 some  
 ALSO **mógó**  
**moko** [mòkò] *noun*  
 flour  
**mòkò mòkò** powdery  
**moko** [mòkkò] *noun*  
 lighting fire  
**moko** [mòkkò] *noun*  
 taking in powdery stuff  
**mol** [mòòl] *verb*  
 1 flow  
 2 float  
**mòllò** flowing, being car-  
 ried by water  
**molo** [mòllò] *noun*  
 flowing, floating  
**mon** [mòòñ] *verb*  
 being in warring terms  
**mon** [mòòñ] *noun*  
 1 wives  
 2 women  
 CFR **dákóò** — woman, wife  
**mono** [mònnò] *noun*  
 food reserved for future  
 use in a granary  
**mono** [mònnò] *adverb*  
 (used to question) ability,  
 whereabouts  
*én mónò òbìnnò* has she come?  
**mono** [mònnò] *verb*  
 exposing secret  
**mor** [mòòr] *verb*  
 expose the eyes, stare un-  
 flinchingly

**mor** [mòòr] *verb*  
 1 roar  
 2 thunder  
*pííny mòòr* it is thunder-  
 ing.  
**moro** [mòrò] *noun*  
 soldier ants  
**moro** [mòrrò] *noun*  
 staring unflinchingly  
**mot** [mòòt] *adjective*  
 1 slow, gentle  
 2 quiet  
**mot** [mòòt] *verb*  
 (to) greet  
**móttèè** can be greeted  
**móttè** to greet her  
**móttò** the act of greeting  
**mot** [mòòt] *noun*  
 greeting, greetings  
**moto** [mòttò] *noun*  
 greeting  
**motoka** [mòttòkà] *noun*  
 motorcar (ENG)  
**moyo** [mòyyò] *verb*  
 spreading out to dry  
**mucara** [mùcàrà] *noun*  
 wages, pay, salary  
 SWA *msara*  
**mucoro** [mùcòrò] *noun*  
 taxes, taxation  
 SWA *msoro*  
**mucumar** [mùcùmáár] *noun*  
 nail (for house building)  
 ARA *musmaar*  
**mucumen** [mùcùménì] *noun*  
 saw  
**mugana** [mùgánnà] *noun*  
 rafter on a house  
**muganga** [mùgàngà] *noun*  
 gunpowder

**mugati** [mùgàtì] *noun*  
 bread  
 SWA *mugati*  
**muindi** [mùíndì] *noun*  
 Indian  
**mujula** [mùjúlá] *noun*  
 unmarried man; bachelor  
**muk** [mùùk] *verb*  
 1 (to) break a piece off, slice  
 a bit off  
 2 (to) uproot  
*mùkkù lààk* uprooting tooth  
**mùkkèè** can be uprooted,  
 broken off  
**mùkkù** uprooting, break-  
 ing a piece off  
**mukeka** [mùkèkà] *n*  
 mat  
**mukene** [mùkēnēè] *demonstra-*  
*tive*  
 another one  
**muku** [mùkkù] *noun*  
 uprooting, extracting  
**mukungu** [mùkùnggù] *noun*  
 a junior chief, just below  
 'jago'  
 BNT *mkungu*  
**mul** [mùùl] *verb*  
 1 (to) touch  
 2 (to) crawl  
**mùllò** crawling, touching  
**mulo** [mùllò] *noun*  
 crawling, touching  
**munero** [mùneró] *noun*  
 naked  
 ALSO **lùdòòk**, **lùneró**  
**muno** [mùno] *noun*  
 a white person  
 PLU **mùnnì**  
 ALSO **òtárà**

**mung** [mùũng] *verb*  
 1 (to) deny doing a thing  
 2 (to) refuse to divulge, keep a thing a secret  
**múnngeè** can be kept a secret, concealed  
**mùnngeè** concealing, keeping a thing a secret

**mung** [múũng] *noun*  
 secret

**mungo** [mùnngeè] *noun*  
 keeping a thing a secret

**muny** [mùũny] *verb*  
 (to) swallow  
**mùũny yáat** swallow the medicine  
**múnnnyèè** can be swallowed  
**mùnnnyèè** swallowing

**munyo** [mùnyò] *adverb*  
 at this period, these days

**munyo** [mùnnnyò] *noun*  
 swallowing

**mupira** [mùpíra] *noun*  
 1 football  
 2 football match, game  
 3 balls in general  
 SWA *mpira*

**mur** [múúr] *noun*  
 vagina  
 ALSO **tùun**

**mur** [mùūr] *verb*  
 1 (to) warm up, heat up food  
 2 (to) boil water, tea  
**mùūr déek** warm up the sauce  
**múrrèè** can be warmed up, heated  
**mùrrò** heating up, warming up

**muro** [mùrrò] *noun*

boiling, warming, heating up

**mut** [muut] *adverb*  
 an action with single movement

**muwu** [mùwù] *pronoun*  
 yours  
 ALSO **méwū**

**mwa** [mwàà] *adverb*  
 in vain

**mwaka** [mwàká] *noun*  
 1 year  
 2 age

**mwaro** [mwàrrò] *verb*  
 pinching a huge amount of polenta

**mwoc** [mwòc] *verb*  
 (to) burst and make a loud noise

**mwoc** [mwòc] *noun*  
 praise names

**mwoc** [mwóoc] *noun*  
 labour pains

**mwoc** [mwòc] *verb*  
 shouting out the praise names

**mwod** [mwòd] *verb*  
 (to) eat

**mwòddèè** can be eaten, edible

**mwòddèè** eating

**mwode** [mwòddèè] *verb*  
 (of stomach) to ache

**mwodo** [mwòddò] *verb*  
 collecting, gathering firewood

**mwodo** [mwòddò] *noun*  
 eating

**mwodo** [mwòdò] *noun*  
 grass for compound

**mwok** [mwóók] *noun*  
 antbear, anteater

**mwol** [mwòl] *adjective*  
 1 gentle  
 2 kind hearted

**mwóllò** gentleness kind heartedness

**mwolo** [mwóllò] *noun*  
 gentleness, politeness

**mwone** [mwònnè] *verb*  
 take to flight

**mwono** [mwònnò] *verb*  
 plastering a house

**mwony** [mwòny] *verb*  
 (to) swallow

**mwony** [mwòny] *noun*  
 war, battle

**mwonya** [mwónyā] *adjective*  
 pleasing, good looking to me

**mwonyo** [mwònyó] *noun*  
 a tree species

**mwonyo** [mwònnnyò] *verb*  
 swallowing

**mwot** [mwóót] *noun*  
 joints

**myel** [myèèl] *verb*  
 1 dance  
 2 shake, tremble  
**cínngé tyééè kà myèèl** her hands are shaking.

**myèllò** dancing, shaking

**myel** [myèèl] *noun*  
 dance

**myelo** [myèllò] *noun*  
 1 dancing

2 shaking of hands etc

**myen** [myèèn] *verb*  
 (to) stir flour in hot water to make polenta, knead

**myèèn kwòdèn** knead polenta  
**myènnèè** can be kneaded  
**myènnèè** knead (it) for her  
**myènnò** kneading

**myeno** [myènnò] *noun*  
 kneading

**myero** [myèèrò] *adverb*  
 1 supposedly  
 2 suitable  
 3 should

## N n

**na** [nā] *pronoun*  
 1 the full form of the first person singular pronoun; 'I'

2 belonging to me; mine  
**bòngòndā** my clothes  
 CFR ā; the short form

**na** [nāā] *verb*  
 1 (to) tilt slightly  
 2 (to) bend slightly  
**nāā mánòók** tilt it slightly

**nak** [nāāk] *verb*  
 1 (to) transplant  
 2 (to) replant  
 3 (to) uproot  
**nākkèè** can be transplanted, uprooted  
**nākkò** transplanting, uprooting

**nak** [nāāk] *noun*  
 a wall cupboard

**naka** [nākā] *noun*  
 winged termite species that come out during the day rather than at night



**naka** [nàkà] *conjunction*  
until  
*kùrrā nàkà àdòp* wait until I arrive

**naka naka** [nàkà nàkà] *adverb*  
forever

**naka nen** [nàkà nèen] *adverb*  
earlier in the day

**nake** [nàkkèè] *verb*  
bending

**nake** [nàkèè] *verb*  
can be transplanted

**nako** [nàkkò] *noun*  
uprooting  
*nàkkò lààk* extracting tooth

**nal** [nàāl] *verb*  
(to) bend downwards  
*nállèè* can be bent  
*nàllò* bending

**nam** [nààm] *noun*  
river, lake, sea

**namba** [námábá] *noun*  
number (ENG)

**namo** [námmodò] *verb*  
chatting, conversation

**nang** [nàāng] *verb*  
1 (to) lick  
2 (to) lap  
*nánnggèè* can be lapped.  
*nànngò* lapping

**nanga** [nàngà] *noun*  
a small stringed musical instrument

**nango** [nàngò] *noun*  
lapping

**nayo** [nàyyò] *verb*  
to push, push aside

**nedo** [nèdò] *noun*  
malnutrition

**nek** [nèèk] *verb*  
1 (to) kill, murder  
2 (of light) put off, switch off, extinguish  
3 (to) destroy, smash  
*nèkkèè* can be killed  
*nèkkè* kill her  
*nèkkò* killing, switching off, destroying

**nek** [nèèk] *verb*  
1 (to) feel pangs of hunger  
2 (to) feel cold  
*kèèc nèkkòp* she is hungry  
*kòyyò nèkkà* I am feeling cold

**nek** [nèèk] *noun*  
murder, homicide, killing

**neko** [nèkkò] *noun*  
feel hungry, cold

**neko** [nèkkò] *noun*  
murder, killing

**nen** [nèèn] *verb*  
1 (to) see, look  
2 (to) experience. *nènnò cààn* suffering, enduring suffering  
*nènnèè* can be seen  
*nènnò* seeing, experiencing

**nen** [nèèn] *adjective*  
visible

**nene** [nèné] *adverb*  
in the past

**nenò** [nènnò] *noun*  
seeing, watching, looking, observing

**nep** [nèèp] *adjective*  
soft, flexible

**ner** [nèèr] *verb*  
wither, wither

**ner** [nèèr] *noun*  
mother's brother; maternal uncle  
*nèrrá* my uncle  
*nèrrú* your uncle  
*nèrrò* being an uncle

**ni** [ní] *pronoun*  
that

**niang** [niāng] *verb*  
(to) understand  
*niānngèè* can be understood, understandable  
*niānngò* understand, understanding

**niang** [niāng] *noun*  
understanding

**niango** [niāngò] *noun*  
understanding

**nid** [niǐd] *verb*  
(to) tie  
*niddèè* can be tied  
*niddò* tying

**nido** [niǐdò] *noun*  
tying

**nin** [niǐn] *verb*  
(to) sleep

**nino** [niǐnnò] *noun*  
sleeping

**nino** [niǐnnò] *noun*  
day  
*ninò dwèè* day of the month  
*ninnò àcèél* one day

**ninga** [niǐngá] *noun*  
a black monkey species

**ning** [niǐng] *verb*  
(to) close one eye

**ningo** [niǐ ngò] *adverb*  
1 (in greetings) how are you?  
2 that what

**nok** [nòk] *adjective*  
not enough, small, a few

**nono** [nòno] *adverb*  
1 without cause or reason  
2 for no apparent reason

**nong** [nòng] *verb*  
(to) find, get, achieve  
*nònnngèè* can be found  
*nònnngò* finding, getting

**nongo** [nòngò] *noun*  
finding, getting

**not** [nòòt] *verb*  
1 (to) kiss  
2 (to) suck  
*nòttò* sucking

**noto** [nòttò] *noun*  
sucking, kissing

**nota** [nòtà] *noun*  
depression, valley

**nucu** [nùcù] *noun*  
half  
ARA *noush*

**nud** [nùūd] *verb*  
(to) make porridge  
*nùddò* making porridge

**nude** [nùddèè] *verb*  
worn out

**nudo** [nùddò] *noun*  
1 stirring  
2 tilting

**nukta** [núkùttà] *noun*  
letter  
ARA *nukta*

**numu** [númù] *adjective*  
1 raw  
2 fresh  
3 unripe  
4 (of a child) born prematurely

**nung** [nùũng] *verb*  
entertain

**nwààng** *adjective*  
1 tough; not soft  
2 tenacious

**nweng** [nwèẽng] *verb*  
(to) climb especially a long pole or tree effortlessly

**nwo** [nwòò] *verb*  
1 (to) repeat, do again  
2 (to) reiterate  
**nwónnēè** can be repeated  
**nwónnēè** repeating it  
**nwòyyò** repeating

**nwoyo** [nwòyyò] *noun*  
repeating, repetition, duplication

## Ng ng

**nga** [ngà] *pronoun*  
who, whom. *ngà múwàccò*  
who said it?

**nga** [ngàà] *verb*  
(to) make jokes  
**ngálá** jokes

**ngaa** [ngàà] *verb*  
(to) place lying on the back

**ngab** [ngàáb] *verb*  
(to) hang up  
**ngàáb málò** hang it up  
**ngábbēè** can be hung up  
**ngàbbò** hanging up

**ngabo** [ngàbbò] *noun*  
hanging a thing up

**ngaca** [ngàcà] *adverb*  
lying down unrestrained

**ngad** [ngàād] *verb*  
1 (to) trim  
2 (to) cut off top bits  
**ngáddēè** can be trimmed  
**ngàddò** trimming

**ngad** [ngàād] *verb*  
(to) stretch

**ngadi** [ngàdì] *pronoun*  
this person

**ngado** [ngàddò] *noun*  
trimming

**ngak** [ngàāk] *verb*  
(to) turn, make a detour

**ngak** [ngàāk] *verb*  
(to) grind coarsely

**ngal** [ngàāl] *verb*  
(to) tease, make fun of, ridicule  
**ngállēè** can be made fun of  
**ngàllò** making fun of

**ngalo** [ngàllò] *verb*  
to cork a gun

**ngalo** [ngàllò] *verb*  
(to) sprain

**ngàllò** *verb*  
(to) eat polenta without sauce

**ngam** [ngàām] *verb*  
(to) open, especially the mouth

**ngamo** [ngàmmò] *noun*  
opening the mouth widely

**ngamo** [ngàmmò] *verb*  
yawning

**ngan** [ngàān] *verb*  
(to) pinch a handful of polenta

**ngany** [ngàāny] *verb*  
waddle away, move away

**ngaro ngaro** [ngàrò ngàrò] *adverb*  
verb not softly cooked; crunchy

**ngat** [ngàāt] *verb*  
to boast  
**ngàttēè** boasting

**ngati** [ngàtì] *pronoun*  
someone, somebody  
ALSO **ngàttí, ngààt**

**ngawo** [ngàwò] *adjective*  
brittle

**ngayo** [ngàyyò] *verb*  
place with the face up

**nge** [ngèè] *verb*  
(to) know

**nge** [ngèè] *noun*  
back part of a thing; back

**ngec** [ngèèc] *noun*  
alligator

**ngec** [ngèéc] *noun*  
knowledge

**ngēt** [ngèēt] *verb*  
(to) annoy, irritate  
**ngèttò** irritating

**ngeto** [ngèttò] *noun*  
irritating

**ngeyo** [ngèyyò] *verb*  
having knowledge of; knowing

**ngib** [ngiĩb] *verb*  
(to) nibble  
**ngibbò** nibbling

**ngic** [ngiĩc] *noun*  
cold, cool, chill

**ngi** [ngiĩ] *verb*  
1 (to) inspect  
2 (to) examine  
**nginnēè** can be examined

**ngic** [ngiĩc] *noun*  
inspection

**ngid** [ngiĩd] *verb*  
(to) cut into small bits; slice

**ngiddēè** can be sliced  
**ngiddò** slicing

**ngido** [ngiddò] *noun*  
slicing

**ngi** [ngiĩ] *verb*  
1 (to) get used to  
2 (to) get acquainted to

**ngil** [ngiĩl] *verb*  
(to) roll about  
**ngillēè** is rolling about  
**ngillò** rolling about

**ngili** [ngiĩl] *noun*  
a plant with a tuber

**ngiliri** [ngiĩliri] *noun*  
ear rings

**ngilo** [ngillò] *noun*  
rolling about

**ngimo** [ngimmò] *verb*  
nibbling

**nginingini** [ngini ngini] *noun*  
tiny black ants

**nginy** [ngiĩny] *verb*  
(to) rub

**ngir** [ngiĩr] *adjective*  
obstinate

**ngito** [ngittò] *verb*  
(to) drizzle

**ngiyo** [ngiyyò] *noun*  
examining

**ngo** [ngò] *pronoun*  
what

**ngo** [ngòò] *verb*  
1 to become watery  
2 (of the eyes) to become watery

**ngo** [ngòò] *verb*  
(to) divert, put a few aside

**ngo** [ngòò] *verb*  
fear, fright

**ngob** [ngòòb] *verb*  
(to) alternate  
**ngoc** [ngòòc] *verb*  
leave behind  
**ngod** [ngòòd] *verb*  
(to) pull up  
**ngok** [ngòòk] *verb*  
(to) vomit  
ngòkkò vomiting  
**ngok** [ngóók] *noun*  
1 vomit  
2 vomiting  
**ngok** [ngòòk] *verb*  
(of plants) to yield  
**ngoko** [ngòkkò] *noun*  
vomiting  
**ngol** [ngòòl] *verb*  
(to) become deformed, crippled, maimed  
**ngol** [ngòòl] *verb*  
(to) cut  
ngóllèè can be cut  
ngòllò cutting  
**ngol** [ngòòl] *verb*  
1 (to) pass via  
2 (to) takes a short cut  
**ngolo** [ngòllò] *noun*  
being crippled  
**ngolo** [ngòllò] *noun*  
1 cutting  
2 reaching a decision in a court; passing a verdict  
**ngolo** [ngòllò] *verb*  
1 passing a judgment  
2 taking a short cut  
3 cutting  
**ngom** [ngòòm] *noun*  
earth, land, soil  
**ngon** [ngòòn] *adverb*  
well bred

**ngon** [ngòòn] *verb*  
boo  
ngònèè can be booed  
**ngonge** [ngòngè] *noun*  
otter  
**ngòngò** *verb*  
peeping  
**ngor** [ngòòr] *verb*  
cowpeas  
**ngot** [ngòòt] *verb*  
have sex  
ngòttèè having sex  
ngòttò having sex, making love.  
**ngot** [ngóót] *noun*  
intercourse  
**ngoto** [ngòttò] *noun*  
having intercourse  
**nguko** [ngùkkò] *verb*  
catch a person in an awkward moment; intrude upon  
**ngul** [ngùùl] *verb*  
spit  
ngùllò spitting  
**ngulo** [ngùllò] *noun*  
spitting  
**ngun** [ngùün] *verb*  
1 (to) split off  
2 (to) snap off  
3 (to) break off  
**ngun** [ngùün] *verb*  
(to) cut, saw, break a bit off  
ngùnnèè can be cut off  
ngùnnò telling lies.  
**ngun** [ngùün] *verb*  
tell lies  
ngùnnò telling lies  
**nguna** [ngùnná] *noun*  
deception, lies

**nguno** [ngùnnò] *noun*  
1 cutting  
2 telling lies  
**nguc** [ngùüny] *verb*  
disappear suddenly  
**nguno** [ngùnnò] *noun*  
telling lies, sawing  
**ngur** [ngùür] *verb*  
(of a hoe blade etc) wear out  
**ngur** [ngùür] *verb*  
lion  
ALSO làbwòòr  
**ngu** [ngùù] *noun*  
wild beasts usually of the cat family  
**ngut** [ngùüt] *noun*  
neck, wrist  
**ngut** [ngùüt] *verb*  
(to) show remorse  
**nguny** [ngwùüny] *noun*  
anus  
ALSO ngwìüny, ngwìüny cèèt  
**ngwak** [ngwàāk] *verb*  
(to) bite lightly  
**ngwe** [ngwèè] *verb*  
1 (to) smell  
2 (to) sniff  
**ngwe** [ngwèè] *adjective*  
emitting a smell; smelly  
**ngwec** [ngwèèc] *noun*  
flight, race  
**ngwec** [ngwèèc] *verb*  
race  
**ngwec** [ngwèèc] *noun*  
smell  
**ngweco** [ngwèèccò] *noun*  
running  
**ngwed** [ngwèèd] *verb*  
pluck

ngwèddèè can be plucked  
ngwèddò plucking  
**ngwedo** [ngwèddò] *noun*  
plucking  
**ngwek** [ngwèèk] *verb*  
decorate adorn  
**ngweko** [ngwèèkkò] *noun*  
decorating  
**ngwel** [ngwèèl] *verb*  
open widely  
ngwèèl wánnngí Open your eyes wide  
**ngwelo** [ngwèllò] *verb*  
1 to swallow a huge amount of food at ago  
2 to pass a big stool  
**ngwen** [ngwèèn] *noun*  
edible winged termites  
**ngweny** [ngwèèny] *verb*  
1 pinch  
2 tweak, scratch  
3 (to) get some polenta with the hands  
ngwènnnyèè pinching the self or each other  
ngwènnnyèè can be pinched  
ngwènnnyò pinching  
ALSO ngwìüny  
**ngwenyo** [ngwènnnyò] *noun*  
pinching  
**ngwer** [ngwèèr] *verb*  
(to) cut into small pieces, slice  
ngwèèr bóò slice the vegetables  
ngwèrrèè can be cut  
ngwèrrò cutting  
**ngwero** [ngwèrrò] *noun*  
cutting, shredding



**ngwete** [ngwèttèè] *verb*  
(to) struggle to do a difficult thing  
**ngweyo** [ngwèyyò] *noun*  
1 smelling  
2 sniffing  
**ngwiil** *verb*  
peep through a gap  
**ngwilo** [ngwillò] *noun*  
peeping  
**ngwiny** [ngwiiny] *noun*  
anus  
ALSO **ngùuny**, **ngwiiny** *cèèt*  
**ngwiny** [ngwiiny] *verb*  
(to) pinch  
ALSO **ngwèeny**  
**ngwinyo** [ngwinyò] *noun*  
pinching  
**ngwir** [ngwiir] *verb*  
(to) insist  
**ngwiro** [ngwirrò] *noun*  
insisting

## Ny ny

**nya** [nyàà] *noun*  
daughter  
ALSO **nyáár**  
**nyàrrá** my daughter  
**nyàà rwòdèt** daughter of the chief  
**nyànì** this girl, you girl  
**nya** [nyàà] *verb*  
1 (of disease) to spread  
2 (of a thing) to multiply, increase  
**nyàyyò** spreading, multiplying, increasing

**nyab** [nyààb] *adjective*  
lazy  
ALSO **nyààb**, **wààc**  
**nyabo** [nyàbbòd] *noun*  
laziness  
**nyac** [nyààc] *noun*  
1 yaws  
2 syphilis  
**nyac** [nyáác] *noun*  
increasing  
**nyaga** [nyàgā] *noun*  
leopard  
**nyak** [nyàāk] *verb*  
(to) yield, bear fruit  
**nyàkkò** bearing fruit  
**nyakacuna** [nyàkàcùnà] *noun*  
smallpox  
**nyako** [nyákòd] *noun*  
girl  
ALSO **ànyáká**  
PLU **ànyirà**  
**nyako** [nyàkkò] *noun*  
bearing fruit  
**nyal** [nyààl] *noun*  
rust  
**nyal** [nyàāl] *verb*  
(to) tease, make jokes  
**nyalo** [nyàllò] *noun*  
teasing  
**nyàmmò** *verb*  
1 chew  
2 deliberate over  
**nyampara** [nyàmpàrà] *noun*  
1 headman  
2 foreman  
**nyang** [nyààng] *noun*  
crocodile  
**nyango** [nyàngò] *noun*  
morning hours; around 7-9 am

**nyany** [nyàāny] *verb*  
(of knife, spear etc) to become blunt  
**nyanya** [nyányà] *noun*  
tomatoes  
**nyap** [nyààp] *adjective*  
lazy  
ALSO **nyààb**, **wààc**  
**nyar** [nyáár] *noun*  
pubic hair  
**nyar** [nyáár] *noun*  
udder  
**nyar** [nyàār] *verb*  
(of grass, hair etc) to cut  
**nyàrrèè** can be cut  
**nyàrrò** cutting, trimming  
**nyaro** [nyàrrò] *noun*  
cutting, trimming  
**nyat** [nyàāt] *verb*  
(to) spear repeatedly  
**nyate** [nyàttèè] *verb*  
boasting  
**nyato** [nyàttò] *verb*  
to do over and over; repeat  
**nyayo** [nyàyyò] *verb*  
multiplying, increasing  
**nye** [nyèè] *interjection*  
hey  
**nyeb** [nyèèb] *verb*  
get it used to, familiarize  
**nyèbbèè** can be familiarized  
**nyèbbò** familiarising  
**nyeb** [nyèbbò] *noun*  
being familiar with  
**nyed** [nyèèd] *verb*  
talk, walk do a thing arrogantly

**nyedo** [nyèddò] *verb*  
balance water pot on the haed without holding  
**nyek** [nyèèk] *noun*  
jealousy, envy  
**nyèkkèè** a woman with whom one shares a husband; co-wife  
**nyeko** [nyèkkòd] *noun*  
jealousy, envy  
**nyel** [nyèèl] *verb*  
to cut around  
**nyelo** [nyèlò] *noun*  
python  
ALSO **nyálò**  
**nyelo** [nyèllò] *noun*  
cutting around, trimming the edges  
**nyen** [nyèèn] *adjective*  
new  
**nyenye** [nyényé] *noun*  
cockroach  
**nyee** [nyèè] *pronoun*  
person  
**nyèrrì** this man  
**nyèccà** that man  
**nyer** [nyèèr] *verb*  
laugh  
**nyèrrèè** can be laughed at, laughable  
**nyèrrè** laugh at him  
**nyèrrò** laughing at  
**nyero** [nyèrròd] *noun*  
laughter  
**nyet** [nyèèt] *verb*  
(of saliva) to jettison  
**nyèttèè** jettisoning  
**nyèttèè** to jettison  
**nyèttò** jettisoning

**nyeto** [nyèttò] *noun*  
jettisoning

**nyib** [nyìb] *verb*  
cut, trim

**nyibo** [nyìbbò] *noun*  
trimming, cutting

**nyig** [nyíig] *noun*  
1 seeds, grain, fruit  
2 bullet  
3 eye ball  
*nyíig púúl* groundnut seed

**nyik** [nyìik] *verb*  
(to) edge closer or further  
**nyìkkèè** edging closer, further  
**nyìkkò** moving a thing closer, further

**nyiko** [nyìkkò] *noun*  
edging closer, bringing closer

**nyim** [nyìim] *noun*  
simsim

**nyim** [nyíim] *noun*  
1 face  
2 private part  
3 front part

**nying** [nyíing] *noun*  
name  
*míyyò nyíing* naming  
*màkkò nyíing* baptism

**nyiro** [nyìrrò] *verb*  
(of sweat beads) to form on the face or body

**nyo** [nyò] *conjunction*  
or, perhaps  
ALSO **ònyò**

**nyoc** [nyóóc] *noun*  
bending

**nyodo** [nyòdò] *noun*  
related to child bearing; parenthood

*lànyòdò* parent  
*lùnyòdò* parents

**nyok** [nyòòk] *noun*  
(of usually goat) male sex  
*nyòòk dyèèl* he goat  
CFR *twòòn*

**nyok** [nyòòk] *adjective*  
strong and huge

**nyom** [nyòòm] *verb*  
(to) marry

**nyom** [nyòòm] *noun*  
marriage  
**nyómmèè** can be married  
**nyòmmò** marrying

**nyomo** [nyòmmò] *noun*  
marrying

**nyon** [nyòòn] *verb*  
(to) step on, trample, tread on  
**nyònéè** trampling on each other  
**nyónnèè** can be trampled on  
**nyònnò** treading on

**nyono** [nyònnò] *noun*  
treading on

**nyondo** [nyòòndò] *noun*  
1 hammer  
ALSO **nyónò, nyòdò**  
SWA *nyondo*  
2 càkúc  
ARA *sakoush*

**nyong** [nyòòng] *verb*  
(to) squat  
**nyònnò** squatting

**nyong** [nyòòng] *verb*  
(to) crumble, crease  
**nyónggèè** can be crumbled  
**nyònnò** crumbling

**nyongo** [nyòòngò] *noun*  
1 crumbling  
2 squatting

**nyong** [nyóóng] *adverb*  
deliberate act of malice; so what

**nyony** [nyòòny] *verb*  
sink slowly

**nyonyo** [nyòònyò] *noun*  
iron  
ALSO **cùmà**

**nyor** [nyòòr] *noun*  
chain

**nyot** [nyòòt] *verb*  
(to) mash, quash  
**nyóttèè** can be quashed, mashed  
**nyòttò** mashing

**nyoto** [nyòttò] *noun*  
mashing, quashing

**nyoyo** [nyòyyò] *verb*  
giving up.

**nyub** [nyùüb] *verb*  
1 (to) mix with, mix  
2 (to) knead  
*nyùüb kǐ cààk* mix with milk  
**nyúbbèè** can be mixed  
**nyúbbò** mixing

**nyubo** [nyúbbò] *noun*  
mixing, kneading

**nyugi** [nyúgǐ] *noun*  
louse  
SGL **ònyógòò**

**nyul** [nyùl] *adverb*  
pass quickly

**nyung** [nyùüng] *verb*  
(to) build

**nyur** [nyùür] *verb*  
(to) germinate; sprout

**nyùrrò** springing up, germinating

**nyuro** [nyùrrò] *noun*  
sprouting, germinating

**nyut** [nyùüt] *verb*  
1 point at  
2 show, indicate  
3 disclose  
4 introduce  
**nyùttèè** can be shown, pointed to, introduced, disclosed  
**nyùttèè** showing the self, revealing the self  
**nyùttè** show her, show it to her.

**nyutu** [nyùüttù] *noun*  
1 showing, disclosing  
2 pointing  
3 introducing  
4 example  
ALSO **nyùttò**  
*nyùttò wèllèè* introducing visitors  
*nyùttò wèllèèèè* indicating the cost  
*lànyùüt* an example, a pointer to

**nyutu** [nyùüttù] *noun*  
showing, displaying, disclosing  
ALSO **nyùttò**

**nywa nywa** [nywàànywàà] *adverb*  
(of a thing) flashing, flicking on and off; glittering

**nywak** [nywáák] *verb*  
go with, in the company of

**nywal** [nywàal] *verb*  
(to) give birth

nywàllèe her giving birth,  
her labour  
nywàllò giving birth  
nywal [nywààl] *noun*  
giving birth  
nywààl bèèr 1 there is virtue  
in giving birth. 2 a very  
large saucepan  
nywalo [nywàllò] *noun*  
giving birth  
nywan [nywàân] *verb*  
(to) confuse, twist their words  
nywànnèè being entangled,  
mixed up  
nywànnò confusing  
nywano [nywànnò] *noun*  
muddling up issues; con-  
fusing  
nywang [nywàäng] *verb*  
knead  
nywànngeè can be kneaded  
nywànnò kneading  
nywango [nywànnò] *noun*  
kneading  
nywar [nywàär] *verb*  
(to) make fun of, tease, de-  
ride  
nywàrrò making fun of,  
teasing, deriding  
lànywàär a teaser, joker  
nywaro [nywàrrò] *noun*  
1 making fun of; teasing  
2 deriding

## O o

o [ò-] *prefix*  
short form of the third per-

son personal pronoun —  
he, she, it, attached to verbs  
as prefix or suffix  
ALSO o  
càām eat — òcàāmò she ate  
ob [òòb] *verb*  
start fire, poke fire  
obaa [òbáá] *noun*  
a rodent well known for  
stealing household things  
like knives  
obabe [òbàbbèè] *verb*  
to be confused, mixed up  
obaca [òbácà] *noun*  
corporal  
ALSO kópòlò  
ARA ombasa  
obalo [òbàlò] *noun*  
neck tendons  
obange [òbànggèè] *verb*  
confused, unstable in mind  
obar [òbàär] *adjective*  
cracked  
obato [òbátòò] *noun*  
yams  
obaya [òbàyā] *noun*  
large papyrus mat  
ober [òbèèr] *noun*  
mosquito  
ober [òbèèr] *noun*  
a tree whose bark is used  
as a mild poison for fish-  
ing  
obeno [òbènnò] *noun*  
a leather baby carrying sling  
obibi [òbìbì] *noun*  
ogre  
obice [òbìcé] *noun*

a rat speices with a pun-  
gent smell and a pointed  
mouth  
obir [òbìir] *verb*  
(to) begin to germinate  
obiku [òbìkù] *noun*  
a hollow reed that can be  
used for sucking beer or  
drinks  
obiri [òbìrì] *noun*  
of body to be all swollen  
up  
obiya [òbìyā] *noun*  
spear grass  
obo [òbbò] *verb*  
1 to make fire  
2 to poke fire  
oboke [òbòkè] *noun*  
leaves  
oboko [òbókò] *noun*  
cucumber like plant when  
dried  
oboo [òbòò] *noun*  
lung  
ALSO àbòòt  
oboro [òbóró] *noun*  
1 snake skin  
2 egg shell  
obot [òbòt] *noun*  
hollow reed stalks used for  
sucking as a straw  
obot [òbóót] *noun*  
foot print, foot marks  
obot [òbòt] *noun*  
left over food  
obuga [òbùgá] *noun*  
vegetable  
obuko [òbùkó] *noun*  
cowpeas cooked dry as snack

obul [òbùl] *noun*  
a tree with a soft white wood  
obur [òbùúr] *noun*  
a deserted homestead  
obute [òbútè] *noun*  
a horn used in dancing as  
an ornament  
obwoo [òbwóò] *noun*  
net, fishing or for animals  
obwol [òbwóól] *noun*  
mushroom  
obwol mon [òbwóól mọ̀on]  
*noun*  
1 a lizard that looks like  
snake  
2 a deceptive brief period  
of sun  
oculube [òcúlúbé] *noun*  
rat species with a pointed  
mouth  
odeyo [òdèyòò] *noun*  
hard crust left from polenta  
at the bottom of the pot  
ALSO òdèyò kwòòn  
odi [òdì] *noun*  
1 peanut butter  
2 simsim butter  
3 winged termite butter  
odi [òdì] *noun*  
a verbal knock to announce  
once presence at a door  
odiko [òdìkò] *noun*  
morning  
òdìkò còòn early in the morn-  
ing  
odile [òdìllèè] *noun*  
an improvised hocky type  
of game ayed with a hrad  
wood



**odilo** [òdílò] *noun*  
 1 ball  
 2 football  
 3 football game, match  
 ALSO *mùpfrà*

**odin** [òdìn] *adverb*  
 (of a homestead) not well kept; overgrown

**odini** [òdíní] *noun*  
 leach

**oding** [òdìng] *noun* (of a person) stubborn, obstinate

**oding ding** [òdìng dīng] *noun*  
 nasal bleeding

**oding** [òdìng] *noun*  
 trap for catching smaller animals like squirrels

**odir** [òdìr] *noun*  
 insect species, cricket

**odoco** [òdòccò] *adverb*  
 again

**ododo** [òdòdò] *noun*  
 1 story  
 2 fable, fairy tales

**odok** [òdòk] *noun*  
 glue, resin

**odo** [òdò] *noun*  
 1 stick  
 2 walking stick

**odugu** [òdùgù] *noun*  
 a hard wood for firewood

**oduka** [òduka] *noun*  
 a rodent of the squirell family

**odur** [òdùr] *noun*  
 garbage place

**oduru** [òdùrù] *noun*  
 1 an alarm  
 2 raising the alarm

**oduro** [òdùró] *noun*  
 (of an animal) pregnant  
 ALSO *dùró*

**oduru** [òdùró] *noun*  
 a fig like tree with edible yellow fruits

**odu** [òdù] *noun*  
 the succulent pulp of shea butter; pulp

**odu** [òdù] *noun*  
 (of potato or groundnuts) poorly developed

**odwel** [òdwèl] *noun*  
 animal hide, especially one used for sleeping on

**odwong** [òdwòng] *noun*  
 a tree species used for furniture

**odyer** [òdyéér] *noun*  
 an animal skin worn for a dance by boys

**odyek** [òdyèk] *noun*  
 hyena  
 ALSO *lálùr*

**ogaa** [ògáá] *noun*  
 water from washing the strainer usually poured back into the beer pot

**ogali** [ògálí] *noun*  
 a big tree

**ogele** [ògélé] *noun*  
 a young bull

**ogik** [ògìk] *noun*  
 hiccup  
 ALSO *gìk*

**ogil** [ògìl] *noun*  
 civet cat  
 ALSO *gìlirì*

**ogilo** [ògìlò] *noun*  
 a bird species

**ogo** [ògò] *noun*  
 yam  
 ALSO *òbátò*

**ogodo** [ògódò] *noun*  
 a kind of female dance

**ogodo** [ògòdò] *noun*  
 wax

**ogom** [ògòòm] *adjective*  
 bent

**ogong** [ògòng] *noun*  
 fowl pen

**ogore** [ògòrè] *noun*  
 crab

**ogoro** [ògòrò] *noun*  
 a bird species; heroin

**oguro** [ògùró] *noun*  
 gizzard

**ogwa** [ògwáá] *noun*  
 a basket used for fishing

**ogwal** [ògwààl] *noun*  
 frog

**ogwang** [ògwààng] *noun*  
 generic for the smaller cat family

**ogwil** [ògwìl] *noun*  
 a rope for tying goats

**ogwit** [ògwìt] *noun*  
 clitoris

**oja** [òjáá] *noun*  
 a tuberous plant with a glue yielding sap

**oja** [òjáá] *noun*  
 a tree species with good fibres for rope

**ojang** [òjáàng] *noun*  
 a beelike insect which produces honey, usually in trees found

**ojee** [òjéé] *noun*  
 a termite species

**ojede** [òjédé] *noun*  
 young locusts

**oji** [òjì] *noun*  
 grief, dejection

**ojiga** [òjìgá] *noun*  
 mane

**ojoga** [òjògá] *noun*  
 related to hunger, stomach grumbling

**ojul** [òjùl] *noun*  
 waxbills

**ojul** [òjùl] *noun*  
 creeping plant, which causes irritation

**ojuu** [òjúú] *noun*  
 small flies found on fruits

**ojwe** [òjwéé] *noun*  
 footprint

**ojwiny dyang** [òjwíny dyààng] *noun*  
 widow bird

**okado** [òkàdò] *noun*  
 sunbird

**okak** [òkààk] *noun*  
 a tree with edible fruits

**okang** [òkààng] *noun*  
 barren

**okang** [òkààng] *noun*  
 a field left unused to recover

**okango** [òkángò] *noun*  
 a tree

**okaar** [òkáàr] *noun*  
 a Y shaped tree

**okego** [òkégó] *noun*  
 phlegm

**okele** [òkélé] *noun*  
 secretion of skunk or civet cat

**oken** [òkèēn] *noun*  
a professional hunter  
**kelo** [òkèlò] *noun*  
kraal  
**kelu** [òkélú] *noun*  
an outpost, a camp  
**okengo** [òkéngò] *noun*  
grass species  
**okero** [òkèrò] *noun*  
a kraal for goat and sheep  
**okeyo** [òkéyò] *noun*  
son of your sister; new-  
pew  
**okeya** [òkéyā] *noun*  
my nephew  
**okito** [òkitò] *noun*  
placenta  
**okoc** [òkóóc] *noun*  
a bull that is past its best  
by day  
**okoco** [òkòcò] *noun*  
a small tortoise shell used  
as an ornament  
**okodo** [òkòdòdò] *noun*  
ticks  
**okok** [òkòk] *noun*  
fish with pointed fins  
**okok** [òkòkòk] *noun*  
worker termite  
**okok** [òkòk] *noun*  
bird species, egret  
**okokori** [òkòkòrì] *noun*  
tree ants  
**okol** [òkóól] *noun*  
clog tied to a prisoners leg  
**okolok** [òkòlòkòk] *noun*  
millipede  
ALSO **òkòlòg**  
**okom** [òkòòm] *noun*  
tree trunk

**okono** [òkónò] *noun*  
pumpkin  
**okong** [òkóóng] *adjective*  
oblong  
**okong** [òkòòng] *noun*  
pangolin  
**okongo** [òkóngò] *noun*  
a bird of the raven family  
**okoro** [òkòrò] *noun*  
snail  
**okoro** [òkòró] *noun*  
cartilage  
**okuba** [òkùbá] *noun*  
winged termites which come  
out around 7pm  
**okuk** [òkùk] *noun*  
coccyx  
**okuma** [òkùmá] *noun*  
black water tortoise  
**okuro** [òkùró] *noun*  
puppy  
**okuto** [òkútòdò] *noun*  
thorn  
**okwac** [òkwáác] *noun*  
a bird believed to warn hu-  
mans of danger  
ALSO **òkwáácá**  
**okwateng** [òkwátèng] *noun*  
eagle  
**okwer** [òkwèér] *noun*  
yellow cucumber like ed-  
ible plant  
**okwik** [òkwíík] *noun*  
a bird that feeds on cows  
picking ticks; ox-pecker  
**okwil** [òkwííl] *noun*  
a kind of cartepillar  
**okwodo** [òkwòdòdò] *noun*  
ticks  
ALSO **òkòdòdò**

**olam** [òláám] *noun*  
fig tree  
**olang** [òláng] *noun*  
bell  
**olany** [òláány] *noun*  
grasshopper  
**olek** [òlèèk] *noun*  
a walking stick  
**olel** [òlél] *noun*  
sauce with simsim or ground-  
nut paste  
**olem** [òlèèm] *noun*  
hornless cow  
ALSO **làlám**  
**olemo** [òlémò] *noun*  
a tree with an edbble fruits  
**olet** [òlèt] *noun*  
pasture  
**oli** [òlí] *noun*  
a kind of tomato  
**olik** [òlíík] *noun*  
bat  
**oliko** [òlíkòdò] *noun*  
whistle made from an an-  
imal horn  
**olim** [òlíím] *noun*  
a big tree  
**olo** [òllò] *noun*  
tiredness  
**ologi** [òlogi] *noun*  
a creeping plant with poi-  
sonous fruit  
**ologo** [òlógó] *noun*  
bladder  
ALSO **òlógó láác**  
**olok** [òlòkòk] *noun*  
wild grapes  
**olokoro** [òlókóró] *noun*  
trachea  
ALSO **òlúkóró**

**oloto** [òlòtò] *noun*  
stick  
**oluma** [òlümā] *noun*  
(of people) very important  
persons  
**oluri** [òluri] *noun*  
bird of prey  
**olut** [òlùt] *noun*  
walking stick  
**òlútá kwòdòdò** ladle  
**oluto** [òlútò] *adjective*  
(of a stick) without the knob  
**olu** [òlú] *adjective*  
blunt, not sharp.  
**olwa** [òlwáà] *noun*  
tree, African oak tree  
**olwedo** [òlwèddò] *noun*  
a tree, twigs or leaves used  
for traditional blessing  
**olwet** [òlwéét] *noun*  
a bugle  
ALSO **bùrùjì**  
**olwinyo** [òlwínyò] *noun*  
1 hookworm  
2 threadworm  
**olwiro** [òlwiró] *noun*  
a snake that strokes rather  
than bite  
ALSO **twòdòl òlwirò**  
**olwit** [òlwīt] *noun*  
bird of prey species  
**omak wic** [òmáák wìc] *noun*  
a plant with seeds that stick  
on to clothing  
**omal** [òmáál] *adjective*  
(of a person) lost, vagabond  
**omar** [òmáár] *noun*  
fresh grass that grows up  
after first burning

**omara** [òmárrā] *noun*  
 1 my beloved, loved one  
 2 my cousin  
**omat** [òmáát] *noun*  
 fondness for a thing usually newly acquired  
**omera** [òmérrā] *noun*  
 1 my brother  
 2 may also be used in the sense of friend, acquitment  
**omel** [òméél] *noun*  
 a fish normally found in small rivers and lagoons  
**omen** [òméén] *noun*  
 cud  
**omen** [òméén] *noun*  
 coffee  
 ALSO búún  
**omiya** [òmìyá] *noun*  
 a kind of fly that causes filariasis  
**omo** [òmò] *verb*  
 fetch, bring  
**omungi kiyata** [òmúngì kiyátà] *noun*  
 potatoes planted at the end of the rainy season  
**omuya** [òmùyá] *noun*  
 a bird species; starling  
**omwom bye** [òmwóóm byè] *noun*  
 a creeping plant on an anthill  
**onang melo** [ònáng mélé] *noun*  
 a gecko  
**one yat** [ònée yàát] *noun*  
 (descriptive name for) squirrel  
 ALSO àyítā  
**ongaru** [òngàrù] *noun*  
 praise name for leopard; pard

**ongera** [òngèrà] *noun*  
 a grivet monkey  
**ongom** [òngòm] *noun*  
 code rights as laid down traditionally  
**ongo** [òngò] *noun*  
 grass patched preserved or left from burning or cultivation  
**ongot togo** [òngóót tógò] *noun*  
 otter  
**ongwek** [òngwéèk] *noun*  
 finger ring  
**oony** [òòny] *verb*  
 1 pour  
 2 (of sugar) put in tea  
 ónnyèè can be poured  
 ònnyò pouring  
 ALSO òò  
**onyo** [ònyò] *preposition*  
 now, at this time  
 ALSO ònyòní  
**onyu** [ònyú] *noun*  
 a little baby  
**oo** [òò] *verb*  
 1 (to) arrive  
 2 (to) reach  
 òò ò gààng she reached home  
 òò gààng make sure you reach home  
 òò gààng reaching home  
 òò gààng will reach home  
**oo** [òò] *noun*  
 arrival, reaching  
**oo** [òò] *verb*  
 (to) pour, pour out  
 ALSO òòny  
 òò pour out  
 ònnyò pouring

**oo** [òò] *verb*  
 (to) fall down, disappear in numbers  
**oo** [òò] *verb*  
 bask, warm self  
 òò mààc warm yourself by the fire  
 òyyò basking in the sun or by fire  
**oko** [òkò] *noun*  
 taro  
**ono** [ònnò] *verb*  
 to cough  
**ono** [ònnò] *noun*  
 coughing  
**opac** [òpààc] *noun*  
 cannot listen to advice  
**opal** [òpààl] *noun*  
 an oyster shell  
**opam** [òpààm] *noun*  
 a block of wood for threshing millet  
**opany** [òpààny] *noun*  
 1 palm  
 2 sole of foot  
**opego** [òpégò] *noun*  
 pig  
**openo** [òpénò] *noun*  
 a bird species  
**opi** [òpí] *noun*  
 slave  
**opilo** [òpíì] *noun*  
 a stick used for digging potatoes or cassava  
**opiro** [òpírò] *noun*  
 1 a large leather bag  
 2 a child covered in membrane of birth  
 3 a kind of grass

**opit** [òpìt] *noun*  
 a reed that can be used as straw for sucking  
**opit** [òpít] *noun*  
 an intelligent person, enterprising person  
**opobo** [òpòbò] *noun*  
 a tree with good rods used very much for building and sometimes as sticks for beating people  
**opok** [òpòk] *noun*  
 a hard tree used for building  
**opoko** [òpókò] *noun*  
 an empty and dried gourd  
**opol** [òpòl] *noun*  
 boat oar  
**opolok** [òpòlòk] *noun*  
 a shrub  
**opuk** [òpùk] *noun*  
 tortoise  
**opuny** [òpùny] *noun*  
 heel  
**oput** [òpùt] *noun*  
 1 a tree with bark and roots used as medicine for malaria  
 2 drunk as a sign of reconciliation  
**opuyu** [òpùyyù] *noun*  
 black soil used for smearing floor  
**opyen** [òpyèèn] *noun*  
 spider  
 ALSO òbwóròpyèèn  
**or** [òòr] *verb*  
 (to) send  
 òrrò sending  
**or** [òòr] *noun*



errand  
**óró** errand  
**or** [òòr] *verb*  
 remove  
**or** [òòr] *noun*  
 the husband of a sister—  
 brother in law  
 òrrā my brother in law  
 òrrī your brother in law  
**ora** [òrá] *noun*  
 depression in a county, valley  
**ora** [órá] *noun*  
 long grass used for thatching  
**orada** [òrádā] *adverb*  
 of sunheat extreme  
**orak** [òráák] *noun*  
 youth courtship dance  
 ALSO làràkà rákà  
**oran** [òráán] *noun*  
 failure to grow, thrive, prosper  
**ore** [òrèè] *noun*  
 joke, fun, jest  
**oree** [òréé] *noun*  
 an epidemic of infectious diseases  
**oro** [òróò] *noun*  
 dry season  
**orobo** [òróbó] *noun*  
 strong, vigorous  
**oroc twol** [òróóc twòòl] *noun*  
 shaded skin of a snake  
**orok** [òróók] *noun*  
 trap for rats  
**orok** [òrók] *noun*  
 hoes with pointed end tied  
 on a shaft

**oro** [òrrò] *noun*  
 sending, delegating  
**ororo** [òròrò] *noun*  
 spittle snake  
**orudi** [òrúdí] *noun*  
 wild dog  
**oruta** [òrútā] *noun*  
 loin clothing  
 ALSO càràrà  
**oruta** [òrútā] *noun*  
 a girl who has a child before marriage while still with the parents  
**orwo** [òrwòò] *noun*  
 thirst  
**orwo** [orwoo] *noun*  
 a shrub used for making beehives  
**orwo** [òrwòò] *noun*  
 the day after, the following day  
**orya** [òryáá] *interjection*  
 let us do it now  
**oryang** [oryang] *noun*  
 a tree with roots as medicine for malaria  
**ot** [òt] *noun*  
 house  
 PLU ódí  
**otac** [òtác] *noun*  
 a head rest used to support head luggage  
**otaci** [òtácí] *noun*  
 gonorrhoea  
**otaka** [òtàkò] *noun*  
 earthen baths especially for babies  
**otara** [òtárá] *adjective*  
 white people  
 ALSO mụnị

**oteka** [òtèkà] *noun*  
 a brave person  
**otetel** [òtétél] *noun*  
 woodpecker  
**otigo** [òtígòò] *noun*  
 finger lady, okra  
**otiko** [òtikòò] *noun*  
 beads  
 ALSO tìkòò  
**otini** [òtíní] *noun*  
 a rope trap for animals  
**otini** [òtíní] *noun*  
 a tree species with small seeds  
**otira** [òtírá] *noun*  
 earthquake  
**otir ngor** [òtíir ngòòr] *noun*  
 king fisher  
**otit** [òtít] *noun*  
 firefly, glow worm  
**otit** [òtít] *noun*  
 palm tree  
**otogo** [òtògòò] *noun*  
 1 a hut for youth  
 2 temporary hut for a sick person  
**otok** [òtòk] *noun*  
 a clothing made out of grass  
**otol** [òtòòl] *noun*  
 reed rat  
**otole** [òtòlè] *noun*  
 war dance  
**otole** [òtòlè] *noun*  
 swellings of the body  
**oton** [òtòòn] *noun*  
 scorpion  
**otong tong** [òtòng tòng] *noun*  
 1 tsetse fly  
 2 derogative reference to the Lord's Resistance Army

owing to their mutilation of victims  
**otul** [òtúúl] *noun*  
 drain, culvet, gutter  
**otwang** [òtwááng] *noun*  
 a big fish  
**otweng** [òtwééng] *noun*  
 elbow  
 ALSO lògùlè  
**otwilo** [òtwíló] *noun*  
 a kind of thorny grass  
**otwol kot** [òtwòòl kòòt] *noun*  
 earthworm  
**otwong kongo** [òtwóóng kòngò] *noun*  
 a small guord  
 ALSO òtwááng kòngò  
**otwongo** [òtwòngòò] *noun*  
 grasshopper  
**otyeno** [òtyéèñò] *noun*  
 in the evening  
**owaca** [òwáccā] *noun*  
 not juice; too watery  
**owango** [òwángò] *noun*  
 bird species; saddle billed stork  
**owelu** [òwèlú] *noun*  
 crested crane  
**owic** [òwíc] *noun*  
 small string trap for rats  
**owiir pii** [òwíir pìì] *noun*  
 water spider  
**owor** [òwòòr] *noun*  
 glutton, greed  
**oyaa** [òyáá] *interjection*  
 exclamation of surprise  
**oyado** [òyàdòò] *noun*  
 a plant, used for brushing teeth

**oyala** [òyálá] *noun*  
a winged termite species

**oyeng yeng** [òyèngg yéngg]  
*noun*  
earthquake

**oyer** [òyèèr] *noun*  
plant with edible bulb

**oyima** [òyì má] *noun*  
big black caterpillar

**oyo** [òyyò] *verb*  
1 to warm the self  
2 to bask in the sun or near fire

**oyo** [òyòò] *noun*  
rat

**oyo** [òyyò] *verb*  
1 (to) pour  
2 (to) water  
3 (to) empty a container  
òyyò ìc aborting

**oyolo** [òyòlò] *noun*  
a kind of beads

**oyoro** [òyòró] *noun*  
a tree that can be made into horn

**oyoro** [òyòrò] *noun*  
mane, long hair

**oyot** [òyòt] *adverb*  
quickly  
ALSO òyòt òyòt

**oywec** [òywéc] *noun*  
broom

**oywello** [òywèllò] *noun*  
a huge tree with an edible black fruit; black plum

## P p

**pa** [pà] *preposition*  
descendants of

**pa** [pà] *prefix*  
belonging to; of a clan

**paa** [pàā] *verb*  
(of carpentry) to curve or make a thing

**pac** [páác] *noun*  
1 carpentry, woodworking  
2 joinery  
3 carving

**pac** [páác] *noun*  
iron (for clothes)

**pac** [pààc] *verb*  
(of feet) to scald because of heat

**paco** [pàccó] *noun*  
pinching polenta with the hand

**paco** [pàcò] *noun*  
home

**pad** [pàād] *verb*  
(to) mould, knead clay etc

**pade** [páddèè] *verb*  
can be kneaded, moulded  
pàddò kneading

**padi** [pádi] *noun*  
priest, especially in the Catholic Church  
ITA *padre*

**pado** [pàdò] *noun*  
fragments

**pado** [pàdò] *verb*  
kneading

**pagi** [pàgi] *noun*  
the central pole supporting a hut

**paipai** [pài pái] *noun*  
pawpaw, payapaya  
**paipo** [páipò] *noun*  
pipe (of water etc) (ENG)

**pak** [pàāk] *verb*  
1 (to) praise  
2 (to) flatter

**pak** [páák] *noun*  
praising, flattering

**pak** [pàāk] *verb*  
(to) sharpen  
pákkèè can be sharpened  
pàkkò sharpening

**pak** [páák] *noun*  
sharpening

**pal** [pàāl] *verb*  
to become emaciated

**pal** [pàāl] *verb*  
slap

**pala** [pálá] *noun*  
ochre

**pàlà** *noun*  
knife

**pal cwiny** [pàāl cwíny] *noun*  
upper part of the abdomen

**pal gwok** [pàāl gwòòk] *noun*  
shoulder

**pali** [páli] *noun*  
pair of shorts

**pale** [pállèè] *verb*  
being elusive

**palo** [pàllò] *verb*  
to slap

**palo** [pàllò] *verb*  
of sun to blind

**pam** [pàām] *noun*  
molar tooth

**pam** [pàām] *verb*  
plaster, smear

**pama** [pámà] *noun*  
cotton

ALSO pámà  
SWA *pamba*

**pamo** [pàmmò] *verb*  
to add, pile

**pan** [pààn] *noun*  
carpentry, woodworking

**pan** [pàān] *verb*  
(to) hide, conceal  
pánnèè can be hidden  
pànnò hiding

**pano** [pànnò] *verb*  
hiding, concealing

**pang** [pàāng] *verb*  
(to) hire a car etc

**pang** [pàāng] *verb*  
divert the attention, direction of

pánnngèè can be diverted  
pànnngò diverting

**pango** [pànnngò] *verb*  
1 hiring  
2 diverting

**pany** [pàny] *noun*  
mortar

**par** [pàār] *verb*  
to think about, reflect on  
**par** [páār] *noun*  
thoughts, reflection on an issue

**parat** [pàrát] *noun*  
an ornamental axe  
ALSO lùkflè

**paro** [pàrrò] *verb*  
thinking, mediating

**pat** [pààt] *adjective*  
different, separate

**patpat** [pààt pààt] *adverb*  
separately, differently

**pata** [pàtà] *noun*  
a drying ground for millet

**pata** [pàtà] *noun*  
door hinges

**paya** [pàýá] *noun*  
a dry water bed

**payi payi** [pàýì páyì] *noun*  
pawpaw

**payo** [pàyyò] *verb*  
trimming, sculpturing, carving

**pe** [pé] *adjective, adverb*  
1 not present; absent  
2 having none; without  
3 not  
*pé kùmmèno* not like that

**pee** [pèè] *verb*  
ice, hailstone, snow

**pee** [pèè] *verb*  
1 drag along, pull  
2 lead an infirm

**peca** [pécà] *noun*  
money  
SWA *pesa*  
ALSO *cèntè*

**pek** [pèèk] *adjective*  
1 heavy  
2 thick  
3 pregnant

**peke** [pèké] *noun*  
victual for a person travelling

**pele** [pèllè] *adjective*  
restless  
*lèpèllè mádá* really restless

**pem** [pèèm] *noun*  
bridge

**pen** [pèèn] *noun*  
navel

**peny** [péeny] *noun*  
1 examination  
2 question  
3 enquiry

**peny** [pèeny] *verb*  
ask, enquire  
**pènnnyèè** can be asked  
**pènnnyò** asking, enquiring

**pep** [péép] *adverb*  
to suddenly appear

**per** [péér] *adverb*  
talk too much

**pero** [pèrò] *noun*  
platform for drying maize

**pere** [pèrrè] *verb*  
(of the ears) to stand out

**pet** [pèèt] *verb*  
1 to unfold, spread, lay down  
sleeping stuff  
2 to cover a thing  
**pèttèè** can be spread  
**pèttò** spreading

**peto** [pèttò] *verb*  
spreading sleeping things

**peyo** [pèyyò] *verb*  
dragging, pulling, leading

**pi** [pì] *preposition*  
because (of); why  
*pì ngò* because of, why  
*pì én* because...

**pi** [pì] *verb*  
stir, mix into

**pi** [pì] *noun*  
water

**pi** [pì] *verb*  
instigate, incite

**pic** [píic] *verb*  
investigation, incitement

**pid** [pìd] *verb*  
plead

**pìddèè** can be pleaded  
**pìddò** pleading

**pida** [pídà] *noun*  
Corruption of PWD- Public Works Department (ENG)

**pig** [píig] *noun*  
water of; juice of  
**píig dék** soup  
**píig wàng** tears

**pik** [pìik] *verb*  
(to) fill up

**pikipiki** [pìkìpìkì] *noun*  
motorbike

**piko** [pikkò] *noun*  
filling up

**pil** [pìil] *verb*  
honour, respect

**pil** [píil] *adverb*  
(of a spear etc) to pierce  
through to the other side

**pil** [píil] *verb*  
(of children) to become big  
headed, to be spoiled.

**pile** [píllè] *verb*  
emerge on the other side

**pim** [píim] *adverb*  
of a thing filled to the brim  
*òpòng ní bfiim* completely full

**pim** [píim] *verb*  
1 measure  
2 weigh  
3 estimate  
**pímmèè** can be measured, weighed, estimated, aimed at.  
**pímmò** weighing, measuring, estimating, aiming at

**pim** [píim] *verb*  
(of a target) aim at to shoot

**pino** [pìnò] *noun*  
hornet, wasps

**piny** [píiny] *adverb*  
down, under  
*bèèd píiny* sit down

**piny** [píiny] *noun*  
1 weather  
2 climate  
3 state of the day  
*píiny òrrù* it has dawned  
*píiny dyáak* it is wet

**pipa** [pípà] *noun*  
barrel  
SWA *pipa*

**pir** [pír] *adverb*  
rash saying

**pir** [píir] *verb*  
conspire, plot against

**pir** [píir] *verb*  
fill up

**pir** [píir] *verb*  
make fire by rubbing wood

**pit** [píit] *verb*  
1 to feed  
2 to bring up  
*píit kí cáak* feed her on milk

**pit** [píit] *noun*  
1 planting  
2 bringing up a person  
3 feeding a person

**pit** [píit] *verb*  
1 (to) plant  
2 (to) cultivate  
*píit lèbòlò* plant bananas  
**píttèè** can be planted  
**píttò** planting

**piti** [pítí] *noun*  
waste heap

**pito** [píttò] *noun*  
planting



**pito** [pittò] *noun*  
bringing up a child or a person

**pitu** [pittú] *verb*  
to have matured

**piyo** [piyyò] *verb*  
persuading, urging, inciting

**piyo** [piyyò] *verb*  
1 drilling  
2 stirring with a ladle

**pogo** [pògò] *noun*  
ivory armlet

**poi** [pói] *noun*  
youth

**pok** [pòøk] *noun*  
(of a road) too broad

**pok** [póók] *noun*  
1 bark of a tree  
2 fish scales  
3 groundnut shells

**pok** [pòøk] *verb*  
removing the bark, husking, shelling

**pok** [pòøk] *verb*  
1 divide up  
2 separate  
3 distribute  
**pòkkèè** can be divided up, separated  
**pòkkò** dividing up, separating

**poko** [pòkkò] *noun*  
separating, dividing, splitting up

**pol** [pòòl] *adjective*  
many, numerous

**pol** [pòòl] *noun*  
clouds

**polic** [pòlíc] *noun*  
police (ENG)  
ALSO **àbìlì**

**polo** [pòlò] *noun*  
1 sky  
2 heaven

**pong** [pòõng] *verb*  
(to) fill

**pong** [pòõg] *noun*  
of a girl grown up; mature

**ponge** [pòõggèè] *verb*  
pretending

**pony** [póny] *noun*  
a small hole, openong

**poo** [pòõ] *verb*  
1 remind  
2 remember

**poo** [pòõ] *verb*  
startle

**poo** [pòõ] *verb*  
(to) become mad

**poor** [pòõr] *verb*  
to elope

**poor** [pòõr] *verb*  
1 measure  
2 weigh  
3 try  
4 imitate  
**pòrrèè** can be tried, measured, weighed  
**pòrrò** measuring, weighing, trying

**pore** [pòrrèè] *verb*  
to be fit for a purpose

**poro** [pòrrò] *noun*  
elopement

**pot** [póót] *noun*  
1 leaf  
2 pod, sheaf, shell

**pot** [pòõt] *verb*  
1 (to) fall  
2 (of a thing) to drop

**poto** [pòttò] *verb*  
1 falling  
2 dropping  
3 (of the sun) to set  
4 (of war) to break out

**poyo** [pòyyyò] *verb*  
reminding

**poyo** [pòyyyò] *verb*  
startling, frightening

**poyo** [pòyó] *noun*  
scar

**puu** [pùũ] *verb*  
1 (of a mud house) to smear inner room  
2 (of a mud compound) to smear  
**púnñèè** can be smeared  
**pùyyò** smearing

**puc** [pùuc] *noun*  
wart

**puc** [pùuc] *noun*  
cat  
ALSO **bùràà**

**puc** [pùuc] *noun*  
1 tendon  
2 fillet

**pud** [pùũd] *verb*  
(of bread, potato etc) to take or break a small bit

**pud** [pùũd] *adverb*  
not yet, still

**pugu** [pùggù] *verb*  
(of a child being weaned)  
put on weight  
ALSO **pùgĩ**

**puk** [pùük] *verb*

rising up early in the morning to do a thing

**pul** [púúl] *noun*  
groundnuts

**pun** [púún] *noun*  
calf

**pun coo** [púún còò] *adverb*  
(of meat) not softly cooked

**pundi** [púndì] *noun*  
artisan; taylor, carpenter, builder  
SWA *fundì*

**puno** [púnòò] *noun*  
pig  
ALSO **òpégò**

**puno** [púnòò] *verb*  
cheating

**punu** [pùnù] *noun*  
animal lick  
ALSO **pùnò**

**puny** [púúny] *noun*  
heel  
ALSO **òpúúny**

**puny** [púúny] *noun*  
hoe handle

**pur** [pùür] *verb*  
(to) dig, cultivate  
**púrrèè** can be cultivated  
**pùrrò** cultivating

**pura** [púrá] *noun*  
hartebeest, wildebeest

**put** [púút] *noun*  
malnourished

**put** [pùũt] *verb*  
uproot, pull out

**pwac** [pwàac] *verb*  
bruising the leg etc

**pwod** [pwòòd] *verb*  
1 (to) beat  
2 (to) punish

3 (of rain) to beat a thing  
**pwóddēē** can be punished, beaten  
**pwóddō** punishing, beating  
**pwod** [pwóðd] *noun*  
 1 punishment  
 2 beating  
**pwo** [pwòð] *verb*  
 give thanks  
**pwòyyò** thanking  
**pwo** [pwòð] *it verb*  
 (of milk) to churn  
**pwoc** [pwóóc] *noun*  
 1 thanking, thankfulness  
 2 gratitude, appreciation  
**pwor** [pwòðr] *verb*  
 (to) sprinkle  
**pwórēē** can be sprinkled  
**pwòrrò** sprinkling  
**pworo** [pwòrrò] *noun*  
 sprinkling  
**pwot** [pwòðt] *adjective*  
 1 slippery, slimy  
 2 smooth  
 3 fine, refined  
**pwoyo** [pwòyyò] *noun*  
 thanking, appreciating  
**pye** [pyèē] *verb*  
 1 (to) jump  
 2 hop, skip  
 3 (of a bird) to perch  
 4 (of a plane) to land  
**pyèē píny** jump down  
**pye** [pyèē] *noun*  
 jumping  
**pyed** [pyèèd] *noun*  
 improper behaviour  
**pyel** [pyèēl] *verb*  
 to lay down, spread

**pyéllēē** can be spread  
**pyèllò** laying down  
**pyel** [pyèēl] *verb*  
 defecate  
**pyèllò** defecating  
**pyelo** [pyèllò] *noun*  
 defecating  
**pyelo** [pyèllò] *noun*  
 spreading sleeping things  
**pyem** [pyèēm] *verb*  
 compete, contest  
**pyem** [pyèēm] *noun*  
 competition, contest  
**pyèmmò** contesting, protesting, objecting  
**pyemo** [pyèmmò] *noun*  
 contesting, competing  
**pyen** [pyèèn] *noun*  
 hide, skin  
**pyer** [pyèèr] *noun*  
 waist  
**pyer** [pyèèr] *noun*  
 tens, in counting  
**pyet** [pyèēt] *verb*  
 (to) winnow  
**pyétteēē** can be winnowed  
**pyèttò** winnowing  
**pyete** [pyèttèē] *verb*  
 yearning to have or eat  
**pyeto** [pyèttò] *noun*  
 winnowing

## R r

**raa** [ràà] *noun*  
 hippopotamus  
**raa** [ráá] *noun*  
 bulrush; durrah

**raa** [ráá] *noun*  
 what is left of scorched grass  
**CFR lyèē**  
**raa** [ràà] *verb*  
 (to) collect, gather  
**tyèē kà ràà yéén** she is collecting firewood  
**ráánnèē** can be collected  
**rab** [ràáb] *verb*  
 circumnavigate, go around  
**raba** [ràbà] *adverb*  
 manner of sitting, lying down  
 indicating exhaustion  
**ràbbéē** going around  
**rabo** [ràbbò] *verb*  
 1 flanked  
 2 going along a river  
**rac** [rààc] *adjective*  
 1 bad, evil  
 2 (of a person) excellent  
 at a thing  
**racac** [ràcààc] *noun*  
 bullet  
**rad** [ràād] *verb*  
 1 to throw carelessly in no particular way  
 2 to kill  
**ràād wééng** throw, kill all  
**ráddēē** can be thrown  
**ràddò** throwing mud at a house  
**rag** [ràāg] *verb*  
 to make roughly, hastily  
**ràāg àdúkkú** to hastily make a container  
**rage** [ràggèē] *verb*  
 impose especially the self upon others  
**ràggò** imposing the self

**rege** [régè] *noun*  
 ribs  
**reno** [rènnò] *verb*  
 to condone what a person is doing, usually a bad thing  
**rénggè** *noun*  
 colour  
**ALSO ránngì, bùyyè, kàlà**  
**rep** [rèèp] *adjective*  
 1 too watery; not thick enough  
 2 light, transparent; not opaque  
 3 (of a person) unable to keep a secret  
**dóggé rèèp** she can't keep a secret  
**ret** [rèèt] *verb*  
 (to) wrestle a person; throw a person down  
**rèèt píny** throw him down  
**reet** [réèt] *noun*  
 wound, injury  
**rete** [rèttèē] *verb*  
 wrestling  
**rèttò** throwing down  
**reto** [rèttò] *noun*  
 throwing down, wrestling down  
**reyo** [rèyyò] *verb*  
 smearing  
**reyo** [rèyyò] *verb*  
 to blame others, implicate them  
**rib** [rīb] *verb*  
 1 to join, unite, add  
 2 bring together; reconcile  
 3 bring together; marriage, matrimony  
**ribbèē** coming together, reconciling, uniting

**ric** [rīc] *verb*  
to urge, especially a worker,  
drive forward harder

**ric** [rīc] *verb*  
the knotting of a rope

**rid** [rīd] *verb*  
to insist on a point of view

**rid** [rīd] *verb*  
to push, force into  
*rīd tyēnī i wàar* force your  
feet into the shoes  
**riddēē** pushing by force  
into  
**riddō** persisiting

**rido** [riddō] *verb*  
tying

**rido** [rīdō] *noun*  
dry twigs

**rii** [rīi] *noun*  
giraffe

**rii** [rīi] *verb*  
1 stay for far too long; over-  
stay  
2 spend time

**rii** [rīi] *verb*  
to tie

**rii** [rīi] *verb*  
coil the self

**rii** [rīi] *verb*  
1 put across  
2 obstruct  
*rīi yàat i yōd* obstruct the  
road with a plank

**riik** [rīik] *verb*  
overfill, fill up

**rik** [rīik] *adverb*  
long time ago. in the past

**rim** [rīm] *adverb*  
to be full of things

**ring** [rīng] *verb*  
run; run away from  
**rīnngō** racing, running

**ringo** [rīngō] *noun*  
meat

**ringo** [rīnngō] *verb*  
running, feeling, racing

**rit** [rīt] *adverb*  
far off  
*rīt cōdōn* a long time ago

**rit** [rīt] *verb*  
to spurt far off

**rit** [rīt] *noun*  
tonsillitis

**rito** [rītō] *noun*  
(of a razor) to to cut sharply

**riu** [rīu] *adverb*  
(of a thing) passing quickly  
rapidly, fleetingly

**riyo** [rīyyō] *verb*  
place across, straddle

**robo** [rōbbō] *verb*  
makes the body to peel

**robo** [rōbbō] *verb*  
to instigate, agitate

**roc** [rōc] *verb*  
(to) spoil  
**rōccēē** can be ruined  
**rōccō** spoiling, ruining, cor-  
rupting

**roc** [rōc] *noun*  
1 mistake  
2 ruining, spoiling

**roc** [rōc] *verb*  
renovate  
**rōccēē** can be renovated  
**rōccō** renovating

**rod** [rōd] *verb*  
pile  
**rōddēē** can be piled up

**rok** [rōdōk] *noun*  
race, tribe

**rok** [rōdōk] *verb*  
hollow out  
**rōkkēē** can be hollowed  
**rōkkō** hollowing; excavat-  
ing; push stick into a hole

**roko** [rōkkō] *verb*  
instigate

**roko** [rōkkō] *verb*  
1 stab over and over  
2 poke

**rom** [rōm] *adjective*  
equal, same

**rome** [rōmmēē] *verb*  
meeting

**romo** [rōmmō] *noun*  
running into each other un-  
expectedly; meeting

**romo** [rōmmōd] *adjective*  
1 enough, sufficient  
2 fit for, suitable for

**romo** [rōmōd] *noun*  
sheep

**rony** [rōdōny] *verb*  
make fun of

**ronye** [rōnnyēē] *verb*  
making fun of

**roo** [rōd] *verb*  
insert  
**rōnnēē** can be inserted

**roo** [rōd] *verb*  
to roast, grill  
**rōnnēē** can be inserted

**rot** [rōdōt] *verb*  
trace, track; look for  
**rōttēē** can be tracked  
**rōttō** tracking

**royo** [rōyyō] *verb*  
burn to clear a ground

**royo** [rōyyō] *verb*  
insertion

**rub** [rūb] *verb*  
1 (of liquid) mix, stir  
2 mix up  
**rūbbēē** can be mixed  
**rūbbō** mixing, stirring

**rubia** [rūbiā] *noun*  
money  
ENG *rupee*

**rubuku** [rūbūkū] *adverb*  
sound made by collapsing  
of a structure

**ruc** [rūc] *verb*  
to hurry

**ruc** [rūc] *noun*  
rice (ENG)  
ALSO **mūcēlē**

**ruc** [rūc] *verb*  
rub out, wipe clean, erase  
*rūc cōc wōkō* rub out the  
writing  
**rūccēē** can be wiped off  
**rūccū** wiping off

**rucu** [rūccū] *noun*  
erasing, wiping

**rud** [rūd] *verb*  
scrub

**ruda** [rūdā] *noun*  
bushbuck

**ruk** [rūk] *noun*  
attire, dressing

**ruk** [rūk] *verb*  
put on shoes, clothing etc  
**rūkkēē** dressing up  
**rūkkō** dressing

**ruk** [rūk] *verb*  
stir, poke the fire

**rukca** [rūkcā] *noun*  
permission



**ruko** [rùkkò] *noun*  
 putting on; dressing  
**rum** [rùùm] *verb*  
 (to) surround  
**rum** [rùùm] *verb*  
 (to) kneel  
**rumo** [rùmmò] *verb*  
 1 kneeling  
 2 sourrounding  
**rung** [rùũg] *noun*  
 wrinkle, crease  
**rut** [rùùt] *verb*  
 pierce the ears  
**rut** [rùùt] *verb*  
 instigate  
**rut** [rùùt] *noun*  
 twins  
 ALSO **rúđfì**  
**ruto** [rùttò] *verb*  
 1 sewing  
 2 instigating  
 3 piercing  
**ruu** [rùù] *verb*  
 urge, hurry  
**rud** [rùù] *noun*  
 dawn  
**rwac** [rwàác] *verb*  
 throw  
**rwaccéé** falling  
**rwaccò** throwing  
**rwaco** [rwàccò] *noun*  
 throwing  
**rwad** [rwàád] *verb*  
 plaster  
**rwak** [rwàāk] *verb*  
 1 (to) insert  
 2 (to) enlist admit into  
**rwàkkéé** inserting, inserting

**rwàkkò** enlistment, insertion  
**rwako** [rwàkkò] *noun*  
 enlistment, insertion  
**rwang** [rwàāg] *verb*  
 crumple, crease  
**rwánngeè** can be creased  
**rwánnò** creasing  
**rwany** [rwàāny] *verb*  
 turn inside out  
**rwányèè** can be turned inside out  
**rwànnò** turning inside out  
**rwàāt** *verb*  
 plaster  
**rwate** [rwàttéè] *verb*  
 to meet, meeting  
**rwato** [rwàttò] *verb*  
 plastering a house  
**rwee** [rwéé] *adjective*  
 hoarse  
**rwe** [rwèè] *verb*  
 stretch, manipulate, massage  
**rwénnèè** can be stretched  
**rwe** [rwèè] *verb*  
 (of clothes) to iron  
**rwene** [rwènnèè] *verb*  
 going out for a walk, stretching the legs  
**rweny** [rwèēny] *verb*  
 1 to get lost  
 2 to forget  
 3 to lose  
**rweny** [rwéēny] *noun*  
 1 getting lost  
 2 forgetting  
**rwenyo** [rwènyò] *verb*  
 1 losing  
 2 forgetting

**rweyo** [rwèyyò] *verb*  
 summoning people for a hunting expedition  
**rweyo** [rwèyyò] *verb*  
 smoothing over; ironing  
**rwic** [rwíic] *verb*  
 crush  
**rwid** [rwíid] *verb*  
 (to) tie  
**rwo** [rwòò] *verb*  
 (to) give up  
**rwom** [rwóóm] *noun*  
 1 ladder  
 2 position  
 3 rank  
**rwot** [rwòòt] *noun*  
 chief, king, lord  
**ryal** [ryàál] *noun*  
 a tin of aluminium  
**ryang** [ryāāg] *verb*  
 frighten  
**ryany** [ryàāny] *verb*  
 (of polenta) make a big portion  
**ryeb** [ryèēb] *verb*  
 turn upside down  
**rye** [ryèè] *verb*  
 (to) line up  
**ryénnèè** can be lined up  
**ryek** [ryèèk] *adjective*  
 clever, wise  
**ryek** [ryèèk] *verb*  
 cut open  
**ryeko** [ryéékkòò] *noun*  
 being smart, clever, cleverness  
**ryem** [ryèēm] *verb*  
 run after; chase  
**ryèmmò** chasing

**ryemo** [ryèmmò] *noun*  
 running after; chasing  
**ryeny** [ryèēny] *verb*  
 to shine  
**ryeny** [ryéēny] *adjective*  
 shiny  
**ryeyo** [ryèyò] *verb*  
 lining up, assembling

## T t

**taa** [táà] *noun*  
 tobacco, cigarette  
 ALSO **tábà**, **túbà**  
**taa** [tāā] *verb*  
 (to) overpower, overcome, defeat  
**tàā éñ** defeat him  
**tac** [tààc] *noun*  
 1 hip  
 2 pocket  
**tad** [táád] *verb*  
 defeating, winning  
**tag** [tàāg] *verb*  
 (of water in a pot) to swirl  
**tak** [tàāk] *verb*  
 (to) scoop from the top a bit  
**tak** [tàāk] *verb*  
 (to) have a spell removed; exorcise  
**tako** [tàkò] *noun*  
 spleen  
**tal** [tàāl] *verb*  
 (of meat, fish) to smoke dry  
**tàāl rééc** smoke dry the fish

**tal** [tàál] *verb*  
(to) cast a spell on  
*làtáál* a witch

**tal** [tààl] *adjective*  
balding of the head

**tal** [tààl] *noun*  
a pole for fixing nets

**talo** [tàllò] *noun*  
smoke drying fish, meat

**talo** [tàllò] *noun*  
bewitching

**tam** [tàām] *verb*  
1 (to) think  
2 (to) consider, ponder

**tam** [táám] *noun*  
1 thoughts  
2 considerations  
3 deliberations

**tam** [tàām] *adverb*  
describes the largeness of a thing  
*lác nĩ tàām* expansively large

**tamo** [tàmmò] *verb*  
1 thinking, pondering  
2 bothering  
3 deliberating, considering

**tang** [tàāng] *verb*  
(to) divert, especially the attention of a child  
*tāāng wíyyè* divert the attention

**tang** [táāng] *adverb*  
(modifies) how a thing is stuck  
*òmòkò ní táāng* it is firmly stuck

**tang** [tāāng] *adverb*  
(of a child) who shows no respect to elders

**tanga** [tángá] *noun*  
sprinkling of water or con-  
totion as blessing

**tangauji** [tàngàújì] *noun*  
ginger

**tange** [tánggèè] *verb*  
(of especially attention) can  
be diverted

**tango** [tàngò] *verb*  
(to) outstretch hand in a  
begging posture  
*tàngò cǐng* outstretching the  
hand

**tango** [tàngó] *noun*  
1 miracle  
2 wonders  
3 mystery

**tany** [tàāny] *verb*  
1 to rage  
2 to increase in magnitude  
3 to make a turn for the  
worse  
*òtāāny mādā* taken a turn  
for the worse

**tanye** [tánnyèè] *verb*  
increase in rage, magnitude

**tanyo** [tànnýò] *verb*  
(to) overturn the ground,  
soil in digging

**tap** [táp] *adverb*  
swiftly chop with one blow

**tar** [tàār] *adjective*  
white

**tara** [tàrà] *noun*  
lamp

**taro** [tàrrò] *verb*  
(to) despise

**tarabana** [tàràbànà] *noun*  
wooden sandals

**tat** [tàāt] *verb*  
(to) explore the sources; in-  
vestigate  
**táttèè** can be investigated  
**tàttò** investigation

**taun** [tájūn] *noun*  
town (ENG)  
ALSO **bómà**

**tayi** [tàyì] *adverb*  
modifies brightness  
*wááng ní tàyi* it is burning  
brightly

**tayo** [tàyyò] *verb*  
(to) destroy, defeat, sub-  
due

**te** [téé] *preposition*  
under, beneath, below  
*tée dèrò* under the granary

**te** [téé] *noun*  
1 source  
2 origin  
*tée kwàrrò* tradition, culture,  
custom  
*tée lók* meaning of a word  
or expression or utterance

**tebo** [tèbò] *noun*  
bird species of owl fam-  
ily; night jar

**ted** [tèèd] *verb*  
cook  
**tèddèè** can be cooked  
**tèddò** cooking

**tedo** [tèddò] *noun*  
cooking

**tee** [tèè] *verb*  
(to) make a tiny incision

**tego** [tèggò] *verb*  
(to) strengthen, harden

**tek** [tèèk] *verb*  
(to) distribute, give

**tek** [tèèk] *adjective*  
1 hard  
2 difficult  
3 strong  
*cwínnyèè tèèk* she is brave  
*lòkké tèèk* a difficult person  
*dóggèè tèèk* can fight his cor-  
ner verbally  
*wíyyè tèèk* stubborn, shows  
no respect

**tek** [tèèk] *noun*  
1 force, strength  
2 power  
*òkwànyò kí téék* he took it  
by force

**tek** [tèèk] *verb*  
1 (to) intercede and stop  
a fight  
2 (to) take sides in a fight

**teke** [teke] *noun*  
a small wooden peg or nail

**teko** [tékkòdò] *noun*  
1 strength, force  
2 power

**tel** [tèèl] *verb*  
1 (to) pull  
2 (to) lead  
*tèèl wíyyè* lead her

**tele** [tèlèè] *noun*  
reed rat  
ALSO **ànyèrĩ tètèèè**

**telo** [tèllò] *verb*  
pulling, dragging, leading

**tem** [tèēm] *verb*  
(to) try, attempt  
**tèmmèè** can be attempted,  
tried  
**tèmmè** try him  
**tèmmò** trying

**temo** [tèmmò] *noun*  
trying, attempting

**ten** [tèñ] *verb*  
1 (to) support  
2 (to) lean  
**tènnèè** can be supported,  
leant  
**tènnò** supporting, leaning

**teng** [tèng] *verb*  
1 (to) dust off  
2 (to) beat, cane

**teng** [tèng] *noun*  
side

**teng** [tèng] *verb*  
1 (of hide) to stiffen  
2 (of a door) to stiffen and  
not easily open

**teng** [téng] *verb*  
to be disobedient

**tengo** [tènggò] *verb*  
1 (to) beat with a stick  
2 (to) cane

**teny** [tèny] *verb*  
1 (to) leave behind  
2 to give up on  
**tènnèè** can be left behind  
**tènnèè** leave her behind  
**tènnò** giving up on, leav-  
ing behind

**tenyo** [tènnò] *noun*  
abandoning, giving up

**ter** [tèr] *verb*  
1 to focus (ear)  
2 (to) pay attention  
3 to tune an instrument

**ter** [tèr] *noun*  
load, luggage, baggage

**ter** [tèr] *verb*  
(to) take

**tèrrèè** can be taken  
**tèrrò** taking

**tere** [tèrrè] *adverb*  
(of an event) lasting till the  
break of daylight  
*gúmyèllò píny tèrrè* they danced  
till the break of the day

**tere** [tèrrèè] *verb*  
1 (of a harp) to be tuned  
2 (of the ear) to focus  
**tèrrò** *ft* being attentive

**tero** [tèrrò] *noun*  
taking

**tete** [tè té] *noun*  
the first faltering steps of  
a baby

**tet** [tè t] *verb*  
(to) forge  
**tèttèè** can be forged  
**tèttò** forging

**teto** [tèttò] *verb*  
forging

**teyo** [tèyyò] *verb*  
to scrape

**tic** [tìc] *noun*  
1 work  
2 working  
3 occupation, profession

**tic** [tìc] *adjective*  
1 moist  
2 damp

**tid** [tìd] *verb*  
(to) get water in small amounts;  
in droplets

**tidi** [tìdì] *adjective*  
small, tiny

**tidu** [tìdù] *noun*  
numbness

**figu** [tìgù] *verb*  
mating

**tii** [tìi] *verb*  
(to) pour water gently in  
trickle

**tii** [tìi] *verb*  
(to) age

**tii** [tìi] *noun*  
old age, ageing

**tii** [tìi] *verb*  
(to) work

**tik** [tìk] *noun*  
chin  
*yèr tìk* facial hair, especially  
chin

**tiik** [tìk] *adverb*  
strong smell; pungent  
*kòmmè ngwèè tìk* he has a  
pungent smell

**tiik** [tìk] *adverb*  
sound of a thing landing  
on the ground; thud

**tika** [tìkàà] *adverb*  
really, truly  
ALSO *àtìkàà*

**tikitiki** [tìkìtìkì] *noun*  
ticket (ENG)

**tiko** [tìkò] *noun*  
beads  
ALSO *òtìkò*

**til** [tìl] *noun*  
kob gazelle impala

**tim** [tìim] *verb*  
do  
**tìmmèè** can be done  
**tìmmò** doing

**tim** [tìim] *noun*  
1 acts, action  
2 behaviour  
**tìmmèè** behaving, acting

**tim** [tìim] *noun*  
1 bush

2 jungle  
3 foreign land

**time** [tìmmèè] *verb*  
1 (to) behave  
2 (to) happen

**timo** [tìmmò] *noun*  
doing

**tin** [tìin] *verb*  
(to) use food sparingly; skimp

**tin** [tìin] *noun*  
today

**tino** [tìnnò] *noun*  
childishness

**ting** [tìng] *verb*  
1 (to) carry  
2 (to) lift  
3 (to) give a lift to  
**tìnggèè** can be carried  
**tìnggò** carrying, lifting

**ting** [tìng] *noun*  
beer dregs

**ting** [tìng] *adverb*  
modifies staring unflinch-  
ingly at a person

**tingo** [tìnggò] *noun*  
carrying, lifting

**tiny** [tìiny] *verb*  
unshell, nuts, cowpeas

**tipo** [tìpò] *noun*  
1 shade  
2 soul, spirit  
3 shadow  
ALSO **tìpú**

**tipu** [tìpú] *noun*  
1 shade  
2 soul, spirit  
3 shadow  
ALSO **tìpò**

**tir** [tìr] *verb*  
(to) straighten



tírrèè can be straightened  
 tírrò straightening  
 tír [tír] *adjective*  
 straight  
 tiri [tírí] *verb*  
 becoming mature; hardened  
 tiro [tírrò] *noun*  
 straightening  
 tiru [tírū] *noun*  
 grass patch in water; sudd  
 tit [tít] *verb*  
 (to) explain  
 títtèè can be explained  
 títtè explained it to her  
 títtò explaining, explanation  
 titò [títtò] *noun*  
 explaining  
 tiyo [tíyyò] *verb*  
 pouring water in trickle  
 tiyo [tíyyò] *verb*  
 1 ageing  
 2 working  
 tobi [tòbì] *noun*  
 yeast  
 tobu [tòbú] *noun*  
 a rainfall that lasts the whole day  
 ALSO kījùmí  
 toco [tòccò] *adjective*  
 not fully developed; unripe  
 tod [tòòd] *verb*  
 (to) draw water in small amounts  
 tòddèè can be drawn in small amounts  
 tòddò drawing in small amounts  
 togo [tógòd] *noun*

papyrus  
 CFR kóló  
 tok [tòòk] *verb*  
 (to) dish out food  
 tòkkèè can be dished out  
 tòkkè dish some for her  
 tòkkò dishing out  
 tok [tók] *noun*  
 back part of the head  
 toki [tókí] *noun*  
 vegetable seed  
 toko [tòkkò] *verb*  
 1 (of eggs) to hatch  
 2 dishing out food  
 tokolong [tòkòlòòng] *noun*  
 a large male lizard  
 tol [tòól] *noun*  
 string, rope  
 ton [tòòn] *verb*  
 1 (to) pour in drops, in trickle  
 2 (to) brew the local alcohol  
 ton [tòòn] *verb*  
 (to) percolate sodium bicarbonate for cooking  
 CFR kàdò àtónnàà  
 tono [tònnò] *verb*  
 to speak arrogantly  
 tono [tònnò] *noun*  
 percolating  
 tono [tònnò] *verb*  
 to feel aggrieved  
 tong [tóóng] *noun*  
 egg  
 tong [tóóng] *noun*  
 spear  
 tong [tòòng] *verb*  
 1 (to) chop  
 2 (to) bite

tongo [tònnò] *verb*  
 1 cutting, chopping  
 2 digging up cassava etc  
 3 be bitten by a snake  
 tongo [tòngò] *adjective*  
 of a pot not fired  
 too [tòd] *verb*  
 deflate  
 too [tòd] *noun*  
 jackal, fox  
 too [tòd] *noun*  
 death  
 too [tòd] *verb*  
 (to) die  
 top [tòòp] *verb*  
 (to) rot  
 topino [tòpìnò] *noun*  
 a wasp species  
 tor [tòòr] *verb*  
 block, fill  
 tore [tòrrèè] *verb*  
 be filled up  
 tot [tòòt] *verb*  
 collect, gather  
 tòttò kífic gathering honey  
 toyo [tòyòd] *noun*  
 dew  
 toyo [tòyò] *verb*  
 release anger  
 tub [tùüb] *verb*  
 (to) provoke, incite  
 tuba [tùbàà] *noun*  
 tobacco  
 ARA tumbaak  
 tube [tùbbèè] *verb*  
 1 (to) fall out  
 2 (to) quarrel, get in conflict  
 tubo [tùbbò] *noun*  
 inciting, instigating

tuc [tùüc] *noun*  
 1(to) pierce  
 2 (to) perforate  
 túccèè can be pierced, perforated  
 tùccò piercing, perforating  
 tuc [tùüc] *noun*  
 1 (to) reveal  
 2 (to) explain, show  
 3 (to) indicate  
 túccèè can be revealed  
 tùccò revealing  
 tucò [tùccò] *noun*  
 1 piercing  
 2 revealing  
 tud [tùüd] *verb*  
 1 (to) knot  
 2 (to) tie in a knot  
 tug [tùúg] *noun*  
 home  
 tug [tùüg] *verb*  
 (to) stir, incite  
 túggèè can be stirred  
 tùggò stirring  
 tuga [tuga] *noun* bunch of  
 tugu [tùgù] *noun*  
 borassus palm  
 tuk [tùük] *verb*  
 (to) fly  
 tuk [tùük] *verb*  
 (to) play  
 tuk [tùük] *noun*  
 a small ant hill  
 tukeno [tùkènnò] *noun*  
 place by the fireside  
 tuku [tùkkò] *verb*  
 1 games, plays  
 2 flying, flight  
 tuko [tùkkò] *verb*  
 threading

**tul** [tùtùl] *verb*  
open wide  
*tùtùl wàngí* open your eyes  
wide  
**tula** [tùlálà] *noun*  
an owl  
**tulo** [tùllò] *noun*  
having eyes wide open  
**tum** [tùùm] *noun*  
wood instrument  
**tumo** [tùmmò] *verb*  
sacrificing  
**tun** [tùũn] *verb*  
sell  
**tun** [tùùn] *noun*  
vagina  
**tuno** [tùnnò] *noun*  
breast  
**tuno** [tùnnò] *noun*  
arriving, reaching  
**tung** [tùùng] *noun*  
(animal) horn  
**tung** [tùùng] *verb*  
to suffocate, to choke  
**tuny** [tùũny] *verb*  
uproot  
*tùnnnyèè* can be uprooted  
**tur** [tùũr] *verb*  
1 to break  
2 snap off  
**tur** [tùũr] *verb*  
(to) mature, approach poverty  
**tur** [tùũr] *noun*  
flowers  
ALSO *àtùré*  
**tur** [tùũr] *noun*  
1 face  
2 forehead

**tura** [tùrà] *noun*  
raised ground on the edge  
of the river  
**turo** [tùrrò] *noun*  
snapping, breaking  
**tut** [tùùt] *noun*  
an insect  
**tut** [tùút] *adjective*  
deep  
**tut** [tùút] *noun*  
beetle  
**tut** [tùút] *noun*  
pus  
**tute** [tùttè] *verb*  
strive, endure  
**tutu** [tùtù] *noun*  
a percolated pot for sodium  
bicarbonate  
**tutuno** [tùtùnnò] *noun*  
heaps (of potatoes)  
**tutunu** [tùtùnú] *adverb*  
for the present time; temporarily  
**twac** [twàãc] *verb*  
(to) throw down  
**twak** [twàãk] *verb*  
(to) shout at  
**twak** [twàãk] *verb*  
(to) boil gently; simmer  
*twàkkò* simmering  
**twako** [twàkkò] *noun*  
simmering  
**twal** [twáál] *adverb*  
forever  
**twango** [twànnò] *verb*  
(to) strike with a stick  
**twany** [twàãny] *verb*  
turn inside out  
**twar** [twàār] *verb*  
(to) drive away, disperse

**twaro** [twárò] *verb*  
snoring  
**twe** [twè] *verb*  
1 (to) tie  
2 (to) bind  
**twééc** *noun*  
tying  
**tweny** [twèeny] *verb*  
(to) straighten  
**twer** [twéér] *verb*  
power, strength ability  
*twérrèè* ca be done  
*twèrrò* power  
**twero** [twèrrò] *noun*  
power, ability  
**tweyo** [twèyyò] *verb*  
tying  
**twi** [twì] *verb*  
(to) grow  
**twi** [twì] *adverb*  
thickly rising of smoke  
**twic** [twíic] *adverb*  
happening swiftly  
*òdònnnyò ní twíic* she entered  
swiftly  
**twil** [twíil] *verb*  
(to) emaciate, lose weight  
**twilo** [twíllò] *verb*  
wasting  
**twiny** [twíiny] *verb*  
(to) blow the nose  
**two** [twò] *verb*  
1 (to) take care of; nurse  
an ailing person  
2 (to) be ill  
**two** [twò] *noun*  
1 illness, ailment  
2 disease  
**two** [twò] *verb*

1 (to) dry, dry out  
2 (to) wait for a long time  
**twor** [twóór] *noun*  
mallet  
**twod** [twòòd] *verb*  
build circular  
*twòddò* to encircle, draw  
round  
**twodo** [twòddò] *verb*  
lying  
**twok** [twòk] *noun*  
corner  
**twol** [twòl] *noun*  
snake  
**twolo** [twòlò'ò] *adverb*  
1 open  
2 (of a person) with eyes  
open  
3 hollow  
**twom** [twòòm] *verb*  
knock, butt  
**twom** [twòòm] *verb*  
1 (to) draw from a well  
2 (to) get water etc from a  
pot etc  
*twómèè* can be drawn  
*twòmmò* drawing  
**twomo** [twòmmò] *noun*  
scooping, drawing water  
etc  
**twon** [twòòn] *adjective*  
huge, big  
PLU *twónné*  
**twon** [twòòn] *noun*  
the male of an animal  
*twònnèè* 1 his bull 2 a big  
one  
*twòòn gwènd* cock  
*twòòn làcòó* a huge man

**twon** [twòḍn] *verb*  
 1 (to) refuse to give  
 2 (to) deny a person a thing

**twon** [twòḍn] *verb*  
 (to) percolate sodium bi-carbonate for cooking; **kàdò àtónnáà**  
 ALSO **tòòn**

**twono** [twònnò] *noun*  
 denying a person a thing; refusing, refusal

**twor** [twòör] *verb*  
 knock  
**twórrèè** can be struck, knocked

**tworo** [twòrrò] *verb*  
 1 pushing  
 2 knocking

**twora** [twòrà] *adverb*  
 better

**tworo** [twóró] *noun*  
 algae

**tworo** [tworo] [twóróḍ] *noun*  
 sisal

**twoyo** [twòyyò] *verb*  
 drying

**tyang** [tyàng] *noun*  
 sugar cane

**tye** [tyéè] *adverb*  
 1 present  
 2 exist  
 3 part of the phrase used in greetings

**tyek** [tyèèk] *verb*  
 complete, finish  
**tyékkèè** can be completed  
**tyèkkò** completing

**tyeko** [tyèkkò] *n*  
 completing

**tyel** [tyèèl] *verb*

support from collapsing  
**tyéllèè** supporting each other

**tyelo** [tyèllò] *noun*  
 towards the inner part of a house

**tyen** [tyèèn] *noun*  
 1 leg, foot  
 2 times. **tyèèn àryòò** twice

**tyeng** [tyèèng] *verb* make a stone rough enough for grinding

**tyeng** [tyèèng] *noun*  
 line, queue

**tyer** [tyèèr] *verb*  
 split, crack

**tyer** [tyèèr] *verb*  
 to offer, sacrifice

**tyer** [tyéér] *noun*  
 offering, sacrificing.

**tyere** [tyèrrèè] *verb*  
 can be sacrificed

**tyero** [tyèrrò] *verb*  
 sacrificing

**tyero** [tyèrrò] *verb*  
 to lay the table

**tyet** [tyèèt] *verb*  
 to divine, prophesise

**tyet** [tyèèt] *noun*  
 divination, sacrifice

**tyeto** [tyèttò] *noun*  
 divination

## U u

**uc** [úc] *noun*  
 a mock charge in a dance with a shield and spear in each hand

**uci** [úcì] *noun*  
 thread  
 SWA **uzi**  
 ALSO **wúçì**

**ucu** [úcú] *noun*  
 wood shavings

**udu** [ùdù] *noun*  
 ostrich

**uk** [ùūk] *verb*  
 (of mouth) to rinse  
**úkkèè** can be rinsed  
**ùkkò** rinsing

**uk** [ùūk] *verb*  
 empty **ùūk píny** empty it down  
**úkkèè** can be emptied  
**ùkkò** emptying

**uko** [ùkkò] *noun*  
 1 rinsing  
 2 emptying

**ul** [ùūl] *verb*  
 shift a thing  
**ùūl wókò** shift it a bit  
**úllèè** can be shifted, moved  
**ùllò** shifting, moving

**ule** [ùllèè] *verb*  
 feel ill (like puking)

**ulo** [ùllò] *verb*  
 to cause ripples in water  
**ùllò píì** is causing ripples in the water

**um** [ùúm] *noun*  
 nose

**um** [ùūm] *verb*  
 cover, drape a thing over  
**úmmèè** can be covered  
**ùmmèè** covering the shelf  
**ùmmò** draping

**um** [ùúm] *verb*  
 to be proud of a thing

**umo** [ùmmò] *noun*  
 covering, draping

**un** [úún] *noun*  
 pressure of work  
**úún mé tììc** pressure of work  
**ùnnèè** suffering

**uno** [únòḍ] *noun*  
 rope

**ur** [úúr] *verb*  
 wonder

**ur** [úúr] *noun*  
 wonder, amazement  
**úrrá** wondering  
**ùrrò** wonde

**uro** [ùrrò] *noun*  
 amazement, wonder

**ute** [ùttèè] *verb*  
 urge to do something  
 ALSO **yùttèè**

**uu** [ùù] *verb*  
 chocking

**uyo** [ùyyò] *verb*  
 chocking

**uyu** [ùyú] *noun*  
 puff adder, viper

## W w

**wa** [wā] *pronoun*  
 first person plural; our, ours, us.  
**òt wā** our house  
**òwàccì wā** he told us

**wa** [wà] *adverb*  
 until, upto  
**òcittò wà Kampla** she went as far as Kampala



**wa** [wàà] *adverb*  
excessive noise  
*dánó wóó ní wàà* there was  
a lot of noise  
**waa** [wāā] *verb*  
smear  
*wāā dóggi kī lẹmụn* smear  
lemon on your mouth  
**wac** [wāāc] *verb*  
say  
**wáccèè** can be said  
**wàccò** saying  
**wac** [wāāc] *adjective*  
1 sour  
2 of a person lazy  
*kòmmè wààc* he is lazy  
*wààc kòm* laziness  
**waco** [wāccò] *noun*  
saying, telling  
**wad** [wāād] *verb*  
(to) remove to clear the way  
*wāād lụm wòkó* clear the  
way  
**wadi** [wādí] *noun*  
relations, relatives  
SGL **wààt**  
**wai** [wái] *interjection*  
I say...  
**wake** [wàkkèè] *noun*  
pride, showing off  
ALSO **àwáká**  
**wake** [wàkkèè] *verb*  
to be proud, to show off  
**wako** [wàkkò] *verb*  
inviting people for a com-  
munal digging or chore  
**wal** [wāāl] *verb*  
remove the top to clear  
*wāāl lụm má ìdyèè òt* re-  
move the grass in the room

**wállèè** can be gathered of  
**wàllò** gathering, remov-  
ing  
**walo** [wàllò] *verb*  
(of water) to boil  
**walo** [wàllò] *noun*  
gathering, removing  
**wan** [wàán] *pronoun*  
first person plural; we  
*wáán lùtédèrò* we are peas-  
ants  
CFR **wā**  
**wang** [wààng] *adverb*  
how often a thing happens;  
times  
*wàng ànyòd* twice  
**wang** [wààng] *noun*  
eye  
*wààng òt* window  
**wang** [wààng] *verb*  
(to) set alight; burn  
**wánngèè** can be set alight  
**wànggò** setting alight, burn-  
ing  
**wango** [wànnò] *noun*  
burning, setting alight  
**wany** [wààny] *noun*  
desire a thing, crave for  
**wany** [wààny] *verb*  
(to) peel banana etc.  
**wánnnyèè** can be peeled  
**wànnnyò** peeling.  
**wanyo** [wànnnyò] *noun*  
1 peeling  
2 craving for  
**war** [wààr] *noun*  
shoes  
**war** [wààr] *noun*  
remarrying other peoples  
wife

**war** [wààr] *verb*  
remove the top layer  
**ware** [wàrrèè] *verb*  
(of weather) to clear up  
**waro** [wàrò] *noun*  
cotton  
ALSO **pámà**  
**waro** [wàrrò] *verb*  
to compensate a person whose  
wife you have married  
**waro** [wàrrò] *noun*  
removing the top layer  
**wat** [wààt] *verb*  
relative, relation  
**waya** [wáyá] *noun*  
1 sister of your father; aunt  
2 sister of your husband;  
sister in law  
**waraga** [wàràgà] *noun*  
1 paper  
2 letter  
3 message  
ARA **waraaq**  
**wayo** [wàyò] *noun*  
war dance before the an-  
cestral shrine  
**wayo** [wàyò] *noun*  
to sharpen the appetite by  
eating  
**wec** [wééc] *verb*  
impuning  
**wee** [wèè] *verb*  
(to) change direction, de-  
viate, veer  
**wee** [wèè] *interjection*  
exclamation of surprise  
**wego** [wègò] *noun*  
1 fathers  
2 owners  
SGL **wòdò**

**wek** [wèèk] *verb*  
(to) leave  
**wékkèè** can be left  
**wèkkè** leave her, abandon  
her  
**wèkkò** leaving, abandon-  
ing  
**weko** [wèkkò] *verb*  
leaving, abandoning  
**wel** [wéél] *noun*  
cost, price, amount,  
**welo** [wèlò] *noun*  
guest, visitor  
PLU **wèllèè**  
**wen** [wéén] *noun*  
neck  
**weng** [wééng] *adverb*  
all, completely  
**wer** [wéér] *noun*  
wooden dish  
**wer** [wèèr] *verb*  
paint or decorate  
**wer** [wèèr] *verb*  
(to) sing  
**wer** [wéèr] *noun*  
song, hymns  
**wero** [wèrrò] *noun*  
singing  
**wi** [wì] *preposition*  
on top of; on  
*wì òt* house top; roof  
*wì mèjà* on the table; ta-  
ble top  
**wi** [wì] *noun*  
head  
*lyèllò wìc* shaving head hair  
ALSO **wìc**  
**wic** [wìc] *noun*  
head

lyèllò wìic shaving head hair  
 ALSO wì  
**wil** [wìi] *verb*  
 (to) turn, twist, screw  
**wil** [wìil] *verb*  
 (to) buy  
 willèè can be bought  
 willē nuy for her  
 willò buying  
**wil** [wìil] *verb*  
 flash (of lightning)  
**wil** [wìil] *noun*  
 buying, trading  
**wil** [wìil] *verb*  
 to sprain  
 wìil tyèn spraining the leg  
**wil** [wìil] *verb*  
 (to) forget  
 wìil wìic forgetfulness  
**wilo** [wìllò] *noun*  
 1 buying  
 2 spraining  
**wino** [wìnò] *noun*  
 bristles made from the tail  
 hair of giraffe  
**wino** [wìnò] *noun*  
 cord of the placenta  
**wing** [wìing] *verb*  
 (to) bend, deform, turn  
 wínngeè can be bent  
**winy** [wìiny] *verb*  
 1 hear  
 2 listen  
 wínnnyèè can be heard  
 wìnnnyè listen to her  
**winyo** [wìinyò] *noun*  
 1 hearing, listening  
 2 understanding  
**winyo** [wìnyó] *noun*  
 bird

**wir** [wíir] *noun*  
 pillar, central pole of the  
 hut  
**wir** [wìir] *verb*  
 1 smear  
 2 anoint  
**wir** [wìir] *verb*  
 turn, change direction  
 wírrèè can be revolved  
**wiro** [wìrrò] *noun*  
 revolving  
**wit** [wìit] *verb*  
 fling, hurl  
**wit** [wíit] *noun*  
 ear of corn  
**wiu** [wìù] *adverb*  
 passing swiftly  
 òkàttò ní wìù it passed swiftly  
**wiyo** [wìyyò] *verb*  
 to spin  
**woc** [wòòc] *verb*  
 drying, putting out to dry  
**wod** [wòód] *noun*  
 1 son (of)  
 2 young one of  
**wok** [wòók] *noun*  
 gap left when a tooth is  
 extracted  
**woko** [wòkó] *adverb*  
 out, outside  
**wol** [wòól] *verb*  
 poison  
**wolo** [wòllò] *noun*  
 poisoning  
**won** [wòòn] *noun*  
 1 father  
 2 owner  
 wònnèè the father; owner  
**wong** [wòóng] *adverb*  
 wide open

**woo** [wòò] *verb*  
 (to) partially dry  
**woo** [wòò] *verb*  
 (to) make noise  
**woo** [wòò] *noun*  
 noise  
**woo** [wòò] *verb*  
 (of grain) to sprout  
 káál wòò mādā millet has  
 sprouted  
**wor** [wòór] *noun*  
 night  
**wor** [wòór] *noun*  
 greediness  
**wor** [wòór] *verb*  
 (to) respect  
**wor** [wóór] *noun*  
 respect  
**wora** [wòrrā] *noun*  
 my father  
 PLU wègò  
**woro** [wórró] *verb*  
 honouring, respecting  
**woro** [wòrró] *noun*  
 greediness  
**woro** [wòòr] *noun*  
 cow dung  
**wot** [wòòt] *verb*  
 (to) go  
**wot** [wòòt] *noun*  
 1 journey  
 2 traveling  
 3 travels  
**wot** [wòòt] *verb*  
 (to) extract, pull out  
 wóttèè can be extracted—  
 wòttò extraction, extract-  
 ing  
**woto** [wòttò] *noun*  
 extracting, extraction

**woto** [wòttò] *noun*  
 travelling, moving, jour-  
 neys  
**wu** [wū] *pronoun*  
 short form of second per-  
 son plural; your  
 òt wū your house  
 CFR wùün  
**wuci** [wúccì] *noun*  
 thread  
 SWA uzi  
 ALSO úccì  
**wun** [wùün] *pronoun*  
 (full form of second per-  
 son pronoun; you  
 wùün wéng all of you  
 CFR wùú  
**wuru** [wùrrù] *verb*  
 preparing polenta; knead-  
 ing

## Y y

**yaa** [yáā] *adverb*  
 not yet; still  
 pé yáā òbínòò she has not  
 yet arived  
**yaa** [yáá] *noun*  
 shear butter  
**yaa** [yáá] *noun*  
 coeval  
**yar** [yāār] *verb*  
 spread out  
 yárrèè can be spread out  
 yàrrò spreading out  
**yab** [yàāb] *verb*  
 (to) open

**yábbèè** can be opened  
**yàbbò** opening  
**yabo** [yàbbò] *noun*  
 opening  
**yac** [yāác] *verb*  
 to become pregnant  
**yàccò** impregnating  
**yac** [yáác] *noun*  
 pregnant  
**yaco** [yàccò] *noun*  
 impregnating  
**yago** [yàgò] *noun*  
 sausage tree  
**yak** [yāāk] *verb*  
 to rob, plunder  
**yákkèè** can be plundered  
**yàkkò** plundering, robbing  
**yak** [yáák] *noun*  
 robbery  
**yako** [yàkkò] *noun*  
 robbing, plundering  
**yago** [yàgò] *noun*  
 yam species  
**yal** [yáál] *noun*  
 present given during process of marriage  
**yal** [yàál] *verb*  
 to give presents  
**yam** [yáám] *adverb*  
 long time ago  
**yamo** [yàmò] *noun*  
 air, wind  
**yang** [yāāng] *verb*  
 skin, gut  
**yang** [yáāng] *noun*  
 in the past  
 ALSO **yáám**  
**yango** [yànnò] *verb*  
 to operate

**yaro** [yàrrò] *noun*  
 spreading wide  
**yat** [yààt] *noun*  
 1 tree  
 2 medicine  
**yec** [yééc] *noun*  
 1 load  
 2 luggage  
**yec** [yèéc] *verb*  
 to tear  
**yéccèè** can be torn apart  
**yèccò** tearing apart  
**yec** [yééc] *noun*  
 acceptance  
**yeco** [yèccò] *noun*  
 ripping apart; tearing, shredding  
**yee** [yèè] *verb*  
 accept, agree, believe  
**yee** [yèè] *verb*  
 to lift and carry a load on the head  
**yene** [yénnèè] *verb*  
 it can be lifted and carried  
**yeng** [yéēng] *verb*  
 shake, loosen  
**yek** [yèèk] *verb*  
 to separate  
**yel** [yèèl] *verb*  
 to trouble, disturb  
**yele** [yèllèè] *verb*  
 struggling to make ends meet  
**yelo** [yèllò] *noun*  
 troubling  
**yen** [yéén] *noun*  
 firewood  
**yeng** [yéēng] *verb*  
 to shake

**yénngèè** can be shaken  
**yènnò** shaking  
**yeng** [yéēng] *noun*  
 an insect  
**yeng** [yéēng] *adverb*  
 being full  
**yengo** [yènnò] *noun*  
 shaking  
**yeny** [yéēny] *verb*  
 (to) search  
**yeny** [yéēny] *verb*  
 to boil; boil over  
**yenyo** [yènnò] *verb*  
 1 boiling  
 2 fermenting  
**yenyo** [yènnò] *noun*  
 searching  
**yer** [yèèr] *noun*  
 hair  
**yèèr wìic** hair (of the head)  
**yèèr tíik** hair (of the chin); beard  
**yer** [yèèr] *verb*  
 select, elect  
**yèrrèè** making selection  
**yèrrò** selecting  
**yer** [yéér] *noun*  
 election, selection  
**yero** [yèrrò] *noun*  
 selecting, electing  
**yet** [yéēt] *verb*  
 to insult, abuse  
**yet** [yéēt] *noun*  
 1 insult  
 2 abuse  
**yèttèè** trading insults  
**yèttò** insulting  
**yet** [yéēt] *verb*  
 to sharpen

**yéttèè** can be sharpened  
**yèttò** sharpening  
**yeto** [yèttò] *noun*  
 sharpening  
**yeto** [yèttò] *noun*  
 insulting  
**yeya** [yèyà] *noun*  
 boat, ship  
**yib** [yíib] *noun*  
 tail  
 ALSO **ib**  
**yik** [yíik] *verb*  
 (to) bury  
**yik** [yíik] *noun*  
 burial  
**yìkkèè** burying the self under a thing  
**yìkkò** burying  
**yiko** [yìkkò] *noun*  
 burying  
**yil** [yíil] *noun*  
 itching  
**yir** [yíir] *verb*  
 1 to be bewitched  
 2 to bewitch  
**yírrèè** can be bewitched  
**yírrò** bewitching  
**yiro** [yírrò] *noun*  
 bewitching  
**yiru** [yìrù] *noun*  
 smoke  
 ALSO **yìtò**  
**yito** [yìtò] *noun*  
 smoke  
 ALSO **ìtò, yìrù**  
**yog** [yòōg] *verb*  
 to loosen  
**yok** [yòōk] *verb*  
 to knock, butt  
**yókkèè** can be knocked



**yoko** [yòkkò] *noun*  
 knocking, hitting  
**yom** [yòm] *noun*  
 circumcised  
**yom** [yòòm] *adjective*  
 1 soft  
 2 easy  
*yòòm cwííny* happiness  
**yom** [yòòm] *noun*  
 day  
**yon** [yòòn] *verb*  
 to move  
**yong** [yòòng] *verb*  
 to add  
*yònnghò* adding  
**yoo** [yòò] *noun*  
 path, road  
**yoo** [yòò] *verb*  
 (to) sprinkle  
**yot** [yòòt] *adjective*  
 1 light  
 2 easy  
**yoyo** [yòyyò] *verb*  
 sprinkle  
**yub** [yùùb] *verb*  
 1 repair  
 2 prepare  
 3 adjust  
*yúbbèè* can be repaired,  
 adjusted  
*yùbbèè* getting ready, be-  
 ing prepared  
**yubu** [yùùbù] *noun*  
 repairing, adjusting  
**yuc** [yùùc] *verb*  
 to throw  
**yuc** [yúúç] *noun*  
 throwing  
**yugi** [yúúgì] *noun*  
 rubbish

**yuk** [yùùk] *verb*  
 (to) dig up  
**yul** [yùùl] *verb*  
 (to) pull  
**yulu** [yùùlù] *verb*  
 pulling up  
**yung** [yúúng] *noun*  
 humour  
**yure** [yùùrèè] *verb*  
 gliding down  
**yut** [yùùt] *verb*  
 to snatch  
**yuto** [yùùtò] *noun*  
 jerking, snatching  
**yuto** [yùùtò] *verb*  
 1 (of weather) to darken  
 2 (of the sun) to set  
**yuu** [yùù] *verb*  
 inhale  
**yuu** [yùù] *verb*  
 (to) pluck  
**yuyo** [yùùyyò] *verb*  
 throwing  
**ywa** [ywàá] *verb*  
 drag, pull  
*ywànnèè* can be pulled  
**ywat** [ywáát] *noun*  
 armpit  
 ALSO **ywéét**  
**ywac** [ywáác] *noun*  
 dragging  
**ywayo** [ywàyyò] *verb*  
 dragging  
**ywe** [ywèè] *verb*  
 1 to breathe  
 2 to have a rest  
 3 to have a holiday  
**ywe** [ywéè] *noun*  
 1 breathing

2 holiday  
 3 holidaying  
**ywec** [ywééc] *noun*  
 1 breathing  
 2 holiday  
 3 resting  
**ywek** [ywèèk] *verb*  
 become famous  
**yweka** [ywèèkà] *noun*  
 fame, being famous  
**yweko** [ywèèkkò] *verb*  
 transporting  
**ywer** [ywéér] *noun*  
 calf  
**ywer** [ywéèr] *noun*  
 sister or brother in law  
**ywer** [ywèèr] *verb*  
 clear the water  
**ywero** [ywèèrrò] *noun*  
 being a sister or brother  
 in law  
**yweyo** [ywèyyò] *verb*  
 sweep  
**ywi** [ywíi] *verb*  
 to make it become small  
**ywin** [ywíín] *verb*  
 to make a thing become  
 smaller

English - Acholi

## A a

### **abandon** *verb*

1 kwèēr

2 wèēk

### **abandoning** 1 kwèrrò

2 wèkkò

### **abate** *verb*

kwèē

### **abating** kwèē

### **abdomen** *noun*

1 ìc

2 ìyè

### **ablaze** *adjective*

wààng

### **able** *adjective*

twérròò

### **abolish** *verb*

gèēng

### **abolishing** gènggò

### **abortion** *noun*

ònnỳò ìc

### **abound** *verb*

dwọ́ọng

### **about** *preposition*

ì kọ̀dọ̀m

### **above** *preposition*

màlọ

### **abroad** *adverb*

lòkā

### **abscond** *verb*

lwĩĩ

### **absconding** 1 lwĩĩ

2 kwàllée

### **absent** *adjective*

pé (tyéè)

### **abundant** *adjective*

dwọ́ọng, pọ̀dọ̀l

### **abuse** *verb*

yèēt

### **abusing** 1 yèttò

2 yèēt

### **abuse** *noun*

yèēt

### **accede** *verb*

yèē

### **acceding** yèē

### **accept** *verb*

yèē

### **accurate** *verb*

àtíír

### **accuse** *verb*

dọ̀dọ̀t

### **accusing** *verb*

dọ̀ttò

### **ache** *verb*

rẹ̀ẹ̀m

### **aching** rẹ̀ẹ̀m



**acre** *noun*  
ékà (ENG)

**add** *verb*  
1 mèēd  
2 riīb  
**adding** 1 mèddò  
2 ribbò

**addition** *noun*  
mèddò

**admit** *verb*  
yèē  
**admitting** 1 yèē  
2 yēc

**adze** *noun*  
kòyò

**after** *adverb*  
1 ìngèyè  
2 làcécén

**afterbirth** *noun*  
byèrrò

**again** *adverb*  
tótó, òdòccó

**age** *noun*  
mwàkà

**agitate** *verb*  
tùūb

**agree** *verb*  
yèē

**ahead** *adverb*  
ìnyíím

**aid** *noun*  
kóóny  
**aiding** kónnyò

**aid** *verb*  
kòóny

**Aids** *noun*  
1 twòdò jònnyò  
2 cìlím

**aim** *verb*

èēm  
**aiming** èmmò

**air** *noun*  
yàmò

**aircraft** *noun*  
dégè  
SWA *ndege*

**airfield** *noun*  
1 bààr dégè  
2 màtáár  
ARA *mataar*

**alarm** *noun*  
òdùúr

**alike** *adjective, adverb*  
cáál

**alive** *adjective*  
kwód

**all** *adjective, noun*  
1 wééng  
2 dúcù

**allow** *verb*  
yèē  
**allowing** yèē

**alone** *adjective*  
kénneē

**also** *adverb*  
bènē

**altar** *noun*  
àltàrè (ENG)

**alter** *verb*  
gèēr

**alteration** *noun*  
gèrrò

**ambassador** *noun*  
lácùùng

**among** *preposition*  
ìkìn

**ancestor** *noun*  
kwàrrò

**and** *conjunction*  
1 bènē  
2 kí

**angel** *noun*  
màláíkà  
SWA *malaika*

**anger** *noun*  
1 gèrròdò  
2 kèccò

**angry** *adjective*  
gèēr

**animal** *noun*  
lèē

**another** *adjective, pronoun*  
múkēnēē

**answer** *noun*  
làgáám

**answer** *verb*  
gāām

**answerable** *adjective*  
gámmēē

**ant** *noun*  
ngìnì ngínì

**any** *pronoun, adjective*  
mòdò kèkēn  
*give me any* mìyà móó kēkēn

**arm** *noun*  
bààd

**arms** *noun*  
lùdùkù

**as** *adverb, preposition*  
cállód

**ask** *verb*  
pèēny  
**asking** pènnnyò

**assembly** *noun*  
kàcòkkèē

**at** *preposition*  
í

**axe** *noun*  
lètótóng

## B b

**baboon** *noun*  
àyóóm

**baby** *noun*  
làtín

**babysitter** *noun*  
1 làpìddì  
2 àyáá

**bachelor** *noun*  
lábòt

**back** *noun*  
ngèē

**back** *adverb*  
cécén, ìngèc

**bad** *adjective*  
ràc

**bag** *noun*  
kicàú

**baggage** *noun*  
tèēr

**bald** *adjective*  
tààl (wìyè)

**ball** *noun*  
òdìlò

**balloting** *noun*  
bòllò kwùr

**bamboo** *noun*  
kòdò

**banana** *noun*  
làbòlò

**bangle** *noun*  
àbwóól

**bar** *noun*  
bàà

**baptism** *noun*  
 bàtíçimò  
**bargaining** *noun*  
 làrrò wéél  
**barrel** *noun*  
 pípa  
**bat** *noun*  
 òlìk  
**bead** *noun*  
 tìkòò  
**bean** *noun*  
 mùràngà, ngòòr  
**bear** *verb*  
 nywàál  
**bearing** 1 nywàál  
 2 nywàllò  
**beard** *noun*  
 yèèr tík  
**beat** *verb*  
 gòò  
**beating** gòyyò  
**beautiful** *adjective*  
 lèng  
**bed** *noun*  
 kitánà  
**bee** *noun*  
 kíic  
**beef** *noun*  
 rìngó  
**begin** *verb*  
 1 càāk  
 2 èēr  
**begining** 1 càkkò  
 2 èrrò  
**behind** *adverb, preposition*  
 ìngèèc  
**bell** *noun*  
 òláng  
**belt** *noun*  
 gáác

**bend** *verb*  
 gòòm  
**bending** gòmòmò  
**bent** *adjective*  
 ògòm  
**big** *adjective*  
 dīt  
**bile** *noun*  
 kèdá  
**bind** *verb*  
 twèè  
**binding** twèyyò  
**birth** *noun*  
 nywàál  
**bishop** *noun*  
 bìcòp (ENG)  
**bite** *verb*  
 kàā  
**biting** kàyyò  
**bitter** *adjective*  
 kééc  
**black** *noun, adjective*  
 cóòl  
**bleed** *verb*  
 cwèè  
**blood** *noun*  
 rèmó  
**blunt** *adjective*  
 bàām  
**boasting** *verb*  
 1 wàkkèè  
 2 àwákká  
**body** *noun*  
 kòòm  
**boil** *verb*  
 1 lyèēt  
 2 mùūr  
**boiling** 1 lyèttò 2 mùrrò  
**bone** *noun*  
 cògò

**book** *noun*  
 búk (ENG)  
**border** *noun*  
 kòòr  
**bottle** *noun*  
 1 cúpà  
 2 gìjájà  
 ARA gizaza  
**bottom** *noun, preposition*  
 1 térrèè  
 2 té  
**boundary** *noun*  
 kòór  
**bow** *noun*  
 àtùùm  
**bow** *verb*  
 gùùm  
**bowing** gùmmò  
**bowl** *noun*  
 àtàbò  
**box** *noun*  
 cāndúúk  
 ARA shandah  
**boxing** *noun*  
 bókcìng ENG  
**boy** *noun*  
 àwòbí  
 PLU àwòbè  
**bra** *noun*  
 kilégà  
**brain** *noun*  
 àdāām  
**brake** *noun*  
 bùrèk (ENG)  
**branch** *noun*  
 jàāny  
**bravery** *noun*  
 tèèk cwííny

**break** *verb*  
 tùūr  
**breaking** tùrrò  
**breast** *noun*  
 tùnò  
**breathe** *verb*  
 ywèè  
**brew** *verb*  
 tèèd  
**bring** *verb*  
 kèèl  
**bringing** kèllò  
**broad** *adjective*  
 láác  
**brother** *noun*  
 òmfin  
**brother in law** *noun*  
 mùkò  
**build** *verb*  
 gèēr  
**building** gèrrò  
**bull** *noun*  
 twòòn  
**burn** *verb*  
 wāāng  
**burning** wāāngò  
**burst** *verb*  
 tyèēr  
**bursting** tyèrrò  
**bus** *noun*  
 báác  
**button** *noun*  
 jàràrà  
 ARA zírara  
**butterfly** *noun*  
 làpwópwòò  
**buy** *verb*  
 wííl  
**buying** willò

## C c

**call** *verb*  
lwòṣṣṣ  
**calling** lwòṣṣṣṣ  
**camel** *noun*  
kinágáà  
**camera** *noun*  
kámērà (ENG)  
**camp** *noun*  
kéém (ENG)  
**cane** *noun*  
lùùt  
**car** *noun*  
mòtòkà (ENG)  
**case** *noun*  
kèéc (ENG)  
**cassava** *noun*  
gwánà  
**cassette** *noun*  
kàcéét (ENG)  
**cat** *noun*  
1 pùúç  
2 bùráá  
**catch** *verb*  
màāk  
**catechism** *noun*  
kàtèkíçimù (ENG)  
**cattle** *noun*  
dyángí  
SGL dyààng  
**cave** *noun*  
bòrò  
**cell** *noun*  
1 jèlà (ENG)  
2 màbùúç  
ARA maboosh  
**chain** *noun*  
nyòòr

**chair** *noun*  
kóóm  
**charcoal** *noun*  
1 biló  
2 màkáár  
SWA makaar  
**chase** *verb*  
ryèēm  
**cheek** *noun*  
lèēm  
**chest** *noun*  
kóór  
**chicken** *noun*  
gwèndò  
**chickpea leaf** *noun*  
bòò  
**chief** *noun*  
rwòṣṣ  
PLU rwòṣṣ  
**child** *noun*  
làtíín  
**chili** *noun*  
1 kàmlàrà  
2 cètà  
ARA sheetah  
**chop** *verb*  
tòṣṣṣ  
**church** *noun*  
kànícà  
ara kanais  
**cigarette** *noun*  
táá  
**civilian** *noun*  
rèyáà  
SWA reyaa  
**class** *noun*  
kíláác (ENG)  
**clean** *adjective*  
lèēng

**clerk** *noun*  
kàràán  
**clever** *adjective*  
ryèèk  
**clock** *noun*  
càà  
SWA saa  
**close** *adjective*  
cókók  
**close** *verb*  
lòṣṣ, cèṣṣ  
**clothes** *noun*  
bòngó  
**cloud** *noun*  
pòòl  
**coat** *noun*  
kòṣṣ (ENG)  
**coarse** *adjective*  
gwààr  
**cock** *noun*  
twòṣṣ gwèndò  
**coffee** *noun*  
1 káwà  
ALSO gáwà  
SWA khawa  
2 búúç  
ARA buun  
3 òméén  
**cold** *adjective*  
1 ngììç  
2 kòyò  
**colour** *noun*  
1 rángì  
SWA rangi  
2 búyà  
ARA buyaa  
**comb** *noun*  
1 làkéét  
2 míçìt  
ARA mishiit

**comb** *verb*  
kèēt  
**combing** kèttò  
**come** *verb*  
bìín  
**coming** bínṣṣ  
**commandment** *noun*  
1 cífk  
2 óṣṣ  
**commence** *verb*  
càāk  
**commencing** càkkò  
**commerce** *noun*  
cààt  
**compete** *verb*  
pyèēm  
**conceal** *verb*  
kàān  
**concealing** kànnò  
**cook** *verb*  
tèṣṣ  
**cooking** tèṣṣṣ  
**cook** *noun*  
lètṣṣṣ  
PLU lètṣṣṣ  
**cool** *adjective*  
ngììç  
**corn** *noun*  
ànyógí  
**corporal** *noun*  
kòpòlò (ENG)  
**count** *verb*  
kwàān  
**counting** kwànnò  
**course** *noun*  
kòṣṣ (ENG)  
**court** *noun*  
kòṣṣ, lùkíkò  
**cousin** *noun*  
làràrà

**cover** *verb*  
 ùũm  
**covering** dùmmò  
**cow** *noun*  
 dyààng  
 PLU dyààngí  
**coward** *adjective*  
 lálwórrò  
 PLU lùlwòrrò  
**crab** *noun*  
 ọgórẹ  
**crack** *verb*  
 tyèèr  
**crane** *noun*  
 ọwàlú  
**credit** *noun*  
 1 bányá  
 2 dẹen  
 SWA den  
**cripple** *noun*  
 làngòlò  
**crop** *noun*  
 kọdì  
**cross** *noun*  
 yààt àrìà  
**crow** *noun*  
 àgáák  
**crowd** *noun*  
 lwààk  
**crucify** *verb*  
 gùũr  
**crucifying** gùrrò  
**cry** *verb*  
 kọdọk  
**crying** kọkọ  
**cup** *noun*  
 1 kịkọpọ  
 SWA kikopo  
 2 kùbáyà  
 ARA khubaya

**cure** *verb*  
 càāng  
**curing** cànggò  
**cut** *verb*  
 ngòòl  
**cutting** ngòllò

## D d

**dab** *verb*  
 dùũny  
**dad** *noun*  
 bàbá  
**daily** *adverb, adjective*  
 jwìl  
**dance** *verb*  
 myèèl  
**dancing** myèèl  
**dance** *noun*  
 myèèl  
**dangerous** *adjective*  
 rààc  
**dark** *noun*  
 cọ́l  
**darn** *verb*  
 kwòò  
**date** *noun*  
 nìnnò dwèè  
**daughter in law** *noun*  
 cìj wòddàà  
**daughter** *noun*  
 nyààr  
**my daughter** nyàrrà  
**dawn** *noun*  
 rùùpíny  
**day** *noun*  
 1 (of the week) cẹ̀ng

2 nìnnò  
 3 (time) dyèè cẹ̀ng  
**death** *noun*  
 tòò  
**debt** *noun*  
 bányá  
**deceit** *noun*  
 bwólá  
**deceive** *verb*  
 bwòòl  
**deceiving** bwòllò  
**decline** *verb*  
 kwèèr  
**defeat** *noun*  
 lóóc, lóyyò  
**defeat** *verb*  
 lòò  
**defeating** lóyyò  
**delay** *verb*  
 gàál  
**delaying** gállò  
**depart** *verb*  
 àà  
**departing** àà  
**derision** *noun*  
 ngálá  
**devil** *noun*  
 cítáán (ENG)  
**dew** *noun*  
 tọ́yọ  
**diarrhoea** *noun*  
 cáádóò  
**die** *verb*  
 tòò  
**different** *adjective*  
 pààt  
**difficult** *adjective*  
 tèèk  
**difficulty** *noun*  
 pékkóò

**dig** *verb*  
 pùũr  
**dilute** *verb*  
 cùũl  
**diluting** cùllò  
**dirt** *noun*  
 cìllò  
**disease** *noun*  
 twòò  
**dismiss** *verb*  
 ryèè̃m  
**dismissal** *noun*  
 ryèmmò  
**dispensary** *noun*  
 ọ̀t yààt  
**disturb** *verb*  
 yèèl  
**disturbing** yèllò  
**dive** *verb*  
 lwĩĩny  
**divert** *verb*  
 wèè  
**divide** *verb*  
 pọ̀ọk  
**doctor** *noun*  
 dàktár  
**dog** *noun*  
 gwọ̀ọk  
**door** *noun*  
 dọ̀gọ̀là  
**down** *preposition, adverb*  
 píny  
**dowry** *noun*  
 1 kẹ̀ený  
 2 lìim  
**draw** *verb*  
 gòò  
**drawing** gòyyò  
**dread** *noun*  
 lwọ̀rrò



**dream** *noun*  
léék  
**drift** *verb*  
mòol  
**drink** *noun*  
mààt  
**drink** *verb*  
màāt  
**drinking** màttò  
**drive** *verb*  
dwòō  
**driving** *noun*  
dwòyyò  
**drug** *noun*  
yàāt  
**drum** *noun*  
bùùl  
**drunkard** *noun*  
lámérró  
PLU lùméro  
**dry** *verb*  
twòō  
**drying** twòyyò  
**duck** *noun*  
1 bátà  
2 àtùdù  
**dust** *noun*  
àpwàà

## E e

**eagle** *noun*  
òkwátèng  
**ear** *noun*  
ít  
**early** *adjective, adverb*  
còòn

**earth** *noun*  
ngòòm, lòbò  
**earthworm** *noun*  
òtwóól kòòt  
**easy** *adjective*  
yòòt  
**east** *noun*  
(kù)nyàngò  
**Easter** *noun*  
páckà  
ITA pasqua  
**eat** *verb*  
càām  
**eating** càmmò  
**edible** *adjective*  
twéro càmmèè; càmmèè  
**egg** *noun*  
tóng (gwénò)  
**eight** *adjective, noun*  
àbòrò  
**either** *pronoun, adjective*  
1 nyò  
2 ònyò  
**elbow** *noun*  
1 lògùlè  
2 òtwééng  
**elder** *noun*  
làdíít  
PLU lùdittò  
**election** *noun*  
bòlò kwìir  
**elephant** *noun*  
lyèèc  
**elope** *verb*  
pòòr  
**eloping** pòrrò  
**elopement** *noun*  
pòòr  
**empty** *adjective*  
twóólò

**end** *noun*  
àgíkí  
**enter** *verb*  
dòōny  
**entering** dòōnyò  
**envelope** *noun*  
1 bàácà  
SWA baasha  
2 jèrìp  
ARA zeerif  
**envy** *noun*  
nyékkòò  
**equal** *adjective*  
ròòm  
**error** *noun*  
báál  
**escape** *verb*  
lwìí  
**eucalyptus** *noun*  
kàlàtúút (ENG)  
**even** *adverb*  
bèñè  
**evening** *noun*  
òtyénò  
**everybody** *pronoun*  
dánó dúcù, dànó wééng  
**everyday** *pronoun*  
nìnnò dúcù  
**everyone** *pronoun*  
1 dánó dúcù  
2 dànó wééng  
**everything** *pronoun*  
jémì wééng  
**everywhere** *adverb*  
kàbèdò wééng  
**examine** *verb*  
ngìí  
**examination** *noun*  
1 pèény  
2 ngiyyò

**example** *noun*  
1 làbòól  
2 lanyútút  
**excavate** *verb*  
gòòl  
**excavation** gòllò  
**exhaust** *verb*  
òòl  
**exhaustion** *noun*  
óllò  
**explain** *verb*  
tìít  
**explanation** tittò  
**eye** *noun*  
wààng  
**eyewitness** *noun*  
1 làcàdéén  
2 càdéén

## F f

**fable** *noun*  
òdòdò  
**face** *noun*  
nyíim  
**fail** *verb*  
pòòt  
**failing** pòttò  
**fall** *verb*  
pòòt  
**false** *adjective*  
ngúná, gòbà  
**fame** *noun*  
ngééc  
**famine** *noun*  
kèèc  
**far** *adverb, adjective*  
bòòr

**farm** *noun*  
pọtó

**fast** *adverb, adjective*  
dwĩr

**fat** *noun*  
cwéér

**father** *noun*  
1 wòðr  
**my father** wòrrá  
**her father** wònneéè  
**your father** wòrrũ  
2 (of church, priest) pádì  
ITA *padre*

**father in law** *noun*  
kwàrrò  
**kwàrrà** my father in law

**fault** *noun*  
báál

**fear** *noun*  
lwórròđ

**fear** *verb*  
lwòđr

**feed** *verb*  
pĩt

**feeding** *noun*  
pittò

**fence** *noun*  
cèl

**fence** *verb*  
cèl

**fencing** cèllò

**fetch** *verb*  
1 kẹl  
2 òòm

**field** *noun*  
1 (of plants) pọtó  
2 (of games etc) bààr

**fight** *noun*  
1 lwéeny  
2 mwòðny

**fight** *verb*  
lwèeny

**fill** *verb*  
1 pũk  
2 pòðng  
**filling** pikkò, [pònngò]

**find** *verb*  
nwòðng  
**finding** nwònnngò

**fine** *adjective*  
bèèr

**fire** *noun*  
màāc

**firefly** *noun*  
òtĩt

**fireplace** *noun*  
kẹnò

**fish** *noun*  
réec

**fish** *verb*  
màkkò réec

**fishmonger** *noun*  
làcàāt réec

**five** *noun*  
àbũc

**fix** *verb*  
yũũb  
**fixing** yũbbũ

**flag** *noun*  
1 bèndérà  
SWA *bandera*  
2 bérà  
ARA *bera*

**flee** *verb*  
ngwèec

**floor** *noun*  
dyèè òt

**flour** *noun*  
mòkò

**flower** *noun*  
àtũré

**fly** *noun*  
lwàngò  
PLU lwàngĩ

**fold** *verb*  
bàān

**food** *noun*  
cáám

**fool** *adjective*  
lāmĩng  
PLU lùmĩnggò

**foot** *noun*  
tyèen  
**on foot** kĩ tyèen

**football** *noun*  
1 òdĩllo  
2 mùpĩrà

**footprint** *noun*  
1 jwĩt  
2 kòòr tyèen

**forefathers** *noun*  
kwàyò, lùkwáyyò

**forest** *noun*  
bũngá

**fox** *noun*  
tòđ

**friend** *noun*  
làréem  
PLU lùréem  
**my friend** làrēmā, làrēmáà  
**your friend** làrēmĩ, làrēmũ

**frog** *noun*  
ògwàāl

**fry** *verb*  
cèl

**frying** cèllò

**full** *adjective*  
òpòðng

**funeral** *noun*  
lyèèl  
**funeral rites** gũrrò lyèèl

## G g

**game** *noun*  
(of sports) tũkkò

**game** *noun*  
(of animals) lẹẹ tĩm

**garden** *noun*  
pòttò

**gazelle** *noun*  
tĩl

**germinate** *verb*  
1 àà  
2 twĩ

**gift** *noun*  
mĩc

**ginger** *noun*  
tàngàũjĩ

**giraffe** *noun*  
rĩ

**girl** *noun*  
ànyáká  
PLU ànyĩrà

**give** *verb*  
mĩ

**gizzard** *noun*  
lòmòđ

**glass** *noun*  
gĩlác (ENG)

**glasses** *noun*  
màdàrà

**glue** *noun*  
òđđòk

**go** *verb*  
cĩt

**God** *noun*

1 (of Anglicans) Lùbàngà

2 (of Catholics) Rùbàngà

BNT *ruhangà*

**gold** *noun*

1 dábù

2 jábù

ARA *dhaab*

**good** *adjective*

bèèr

PLU *bèccò*

**gore** *verb*

còòb

goring *còbbò*

**gourd** *noun*

àwààl

**government** *noun*

gàméntè (ENG)

**grain** *noun*

béél

**granary** *noun*

dèrò

**granny** *noun*

dàà

**grasshopper** *noun*

òtwòngòdò

**grave** *noun*

lyèèl

**greed** *noun*

wòdòr

**greet** *verb*

mòòt

**greetings** *noun*

mòòt

**grief** *noun*

kúmmòdò

**groan** *verb*

cùùr

**ground** *noun*

1 ngòòm

2 pííny

**groundnut** *noun*

púùl

**grow** *verb*

dòñg

**growth** *noun*

dònnngò

**guess** *verb*

gèèc

guessing *gèccò*

**guerilla** *noun*

àdùl

guerilla warfare *lwény àlìbùù*

**guest** *noun*

wèllò

PLU *wèllèè*

**guitar** *noun*

gità (ENG)

**gum** *noun*

òdòòk

**gun** *noun*

lùdùkù

## H h

**habit** *noun*

kíít

**hack** *verb*

tòdòng

**haggle** *verb*

làār

haggle the price *làār wèllèè*

**hail** *noun*

pèè

**hair** *noun*

yèèr

beard *yèèr tíík*

head hair *yèèr wííc*

**half** *noun*

núcù

ARA *nush*

**halt** *verb*

1 gíík

2 gùùk

3 cùùng

**hammer** *noun*

nyónò

SWA *nyondo*

**hand** *noun*

cííng

**handkerchief** *noun*

1 làtáám

2 kitámbarà

SWA *kitambara*

**handwriting** *noun*

cóóc

**hang** *verb*

1 ngàáb

2 gàáb

3 (of humans) dèè

**hard** *adjective*

tèèk

**hardship** *noun*

pékkòdò

**harm** *verb*

wàān

**harvest** *noun*

káác

**harvest** *verb*

kàā

**hat** *noun*

òtòk

**hatch** *verb*

tòòk

**hate** *verb*

dààg

**hatred** *noun*

dàggò, dáág

**he** *pronoun*

èn

**head** *noun*

wìl

**headache** *noun*

àbàār wííc

**heal** *verb*

càā

**health** *noun*

yòòt kòdòm

**heap** *verb*

càān

**hear** *verb*

wííny

**hearing** *noun*

wíínyò

**heart** *noun*

cwííny

**hearth** *noun*

kèndò

**heat** *adjective*

lyèttòdò

**heating** *noun*

lyèttò

**heaven** *noun*

pòlò

**heavy** *adjective*

pèèk

**heel** *noun*

púúny, òpúúny

**hell** *noun*

kàpííny

**help** *noun*

kóóny

**help** *verb*

kòóny

**hen** *noun*  
gwèndò

**her** *pronoun*  
én

**her** *adjective*  
mèrrèè

**herd** *noun*  
lwàāk

**herd** *verb*  
kwàāt

**here** *adverb*  
kàāny

**heritage** *noun*  
téé kwàrrò

**hers** *pronoun*  
1 méréè  
2 méggéè  
3 the short form -e

**hew** *verb*  
tòṭṅ

**hiccup** *noun*  
gììk, gèèk

**hide** *verb*  
kàān

**hide** *noun*  
dèḗl

**high** *adverb*  
màlō

**hill** *noun*  
gòḍḍ

**him** *pronoun*  
én

**hip** *noun*  
tàāc

**hippopotamus** *noun*  
ràā

**hire** *verb*  
pàāng

**his** *pronoun*  
1 mèrrèè  
2 méggéè  
3 the suffix -e

**hit** *verb*  
gòḍ

**HIV** *noun*  
1 twòḍò jònnyó  
2 cìlìm

**hive** *noun*  
bòḍḅ

**hoard** *verb*  
kàān

**hoe** *noun*  
kwèrí

**hold** *verb*  
màāk

**hole** *noun*  
bùùr

**holiday** *noun*  
ywéyyó

**holy** *noun*  
lèḅḅ

**holiness** *noun*  
lèḅḅgò

**home** *noun*  
1 pàcò  
2 gàāng

**honey** *noun*  
(mòḍḍ) kùc

**hook** *noun*  
(of fishing) gòlì

**horn** *noun*  
1 (of animal) tùṭṅ  
2 (musical) bùrùjì

**horse** *noun*  
àgúrágúrà

**hot** *adjective*  
1 lyèḗt  
2 (of pepper) kééc

**hour** *noun*  
cáā, cáwaa  
SWA saa

**house** *noun*  
òt  
PLU ụdí, òdí

**how** *adverb*  
níníng

**huge** *adjective*  
dììt

**human** *noun*  
dánóḍ

**humble** *adjective*  
mwòḍl

**hump** *noun*  
òrúúk

**hunch** *noun*  
òrúúk

**hundred** *noun*  
míà

**hunger** *noun*  
kèèc

**hunt** *noun, verb*  
dwàār

**husband** *noun*  
cwàār  
(the, her) cwàrrè  
**my husband** cwàrrá  
**your husband** cwàrrì

**husk** *noun*  
póók

**hut** *noun*  
òt PLU ódí, ụdí

**hyena** *noun*  
lálùúr

## I i

**I** *pronoun*  
1 án  
2 short form, the suffix -a

**ice** *noun*  
pèè

**idea** *noun*  
táám

**idiot** *adjective*  
làḿìng

**if** *conjunction*  
1 ká  
2 ká cè

**ill** *adjective*  
twòḍ

**illness** *noun*  
twòḍ

**image** *noun*  
cáál

**important** *adjective*  
(of importance) pírrè tèèk

**impossible** *adjective*  
pè twèrrèè

**in** *preposition*  
ì

**increase** *verb*  
1 mèèḍ 2 nyàā

**increment** *noun*  
1 mèḍḍḍ  
2 nyàyyò

**indigenous** *adjective*  
ànywáí

**infancy** *noun*  
tínḅḍ

**infirm** *noun*  
làgòrò

**influenza** *noun*  
àbúru



**inherit** *verb*  
lääk  
**inheritance** *noun*  
lakkò  
**inject** *verb*  
còób  
**ink** *noun*  
ìnkì (ENG)  
**insert** *verb*  
rwòò  
**intestine** *noun*  
cijn  
**iron** *noun*  
(of clothing) páác  
**iron** *verb*  
1 rwèè  
2 gòò  
**island** *noun*  
àcùlǎ  
ALSO cùlǎ  
**itch** *verb*  
ñl  
**itching** *noun*  
illóò

## J j

**jab** *verb*  
còób  
**jackal** *noun*  
tòò  
**jail** *noun*  
1 jélà  
ENG gaol  
2 mǎbùúc  
ARA maboush  
3 cígiin  
ARA sigiin

**jaw** *noun*  
cwààk  
**jealousy** *noun*  
nyékòò  
**jest** *noun*  
ngállá  
**job** *noun*  
tìic  
**joke** *noun*  
ngállá  
**journey** *noun*  
wòòt  
**joy** *noun*  
yòòm cwíiny  
**judgment** *noun*  
ngòllò lòòk  
**jungle** *noun*  
bùngǎ

## K k

**keep** *verb*  
gwòòk  
**keeping** gwòkkò  
**kettle** *noun*  
bìnikǎ  
SWA binika  
**key** *noun*  
1 làgòòny  
2 mùpùtǎa  
ARA muftaah  
**kick** *verb*  
gwèè  
**kicking** gwèyyò  
**kid** *noun*  
làtíin  
PLU lùtíinò, lìtíiní

**kidney** *noun*  
**kill** *verb*  
nèèk  
**killing** *noun*  
nèèk, nèkkò  
**kin** *noun*  
wààt  
**kindle** *verb*  
mòòk  
**kindling** mòkkò  
**kitchen** *noun*  
1 jòkòón  
SWA jokoni  
2 mòdùbà  
ARA moudba  
**kite** *noun*  
òkwátèèng  
**knead** *verb*  
1 nyòòb  
2 myèèn  
**kneading** nyòbbò, myènnò  
**knee** *noun*  
còòng  
**kneel** *verb*  
gùũng  
**kneeling** gùnnngò  
**knickers** *noun*  
libáác  
ARA libaas  
**knife** *noun*  
pǎlà  
**knit** *verb*  
kwòò  
**knitting** kwòyyò  
**knock** *verb*  
1 (of door etc) dwòòng  
2 (of car etc) yòòk  
**knocking** dwònnngò, dwòyyò

**know** *verb*  
ngèè  
**knowing** ngèyyò, ngééc  
**knowledge** *noun*  
ngééc

## L l

**labour** *noun*  
(of work) tìic  
**ladder** *noun*  
rwóóm  
**ladle** *noun*  
làtóók  
**lake** *noun*  
nààm  
**lame** *noun*  
làgòrò  
PLU lùgòrò  
**lamp** *noun*  
tàrà  
**land** *noun*  
1 ngòòm  
2 lòbò  
**language** *noun*  
lééb  
**lap** *verb*  
nǎang  
**lapping** nǎnnngò  
**large** *adjective*  
láác  
**last** *adverb*  
àgíkí  
**late** *noun*  
(deceased) lyèlli  
**latrine** *noun*  
nùcùráán  
ARA nustraa

**laugh** *verb*  
 nyèër  
**laughter** *noun*  
 nyèrròò  
**launch** *verb*  
 càāk  
**law** *noun*  
 cíík  
**lawn** *noun*  
 mọ́dọ́  
**lay** *verb*  
 kẹ̀ẹ̀t  
 laying kẹ̀ttò  
**lazy** *noun*  
 nyààc  
 làwàc kọ̀dọm lazy person  
**leach** *noun*  
 òdíní  
**lead** *verb*  
 tèèl  
 leading làtèllò  
**leader** *noun*  
 làtèèl w̃fíc  
**leaf** *noun*  
 òbòkè  
**leaking** *noun*  
 1 cwéèr  
 2 tóòn  
**lean** *verb*  
 jẹ̀ẹ̀ng  
**learn** *verb*  
 pwọ̀ọny  
 learning pwọ̀nnyò  
**leather** *noun*  
 dẹ̀ẹ̀l  
**leave** *verb*  
 wèèk  
**left** *noun*  
 làcààm  
 CFR làcùùc

**leg** *noun*  
 tyèèn  
**lend** *verb*  
 1 miĩ  
 2 bàā  
 lending mìyyò, bàyyò  
**leper** *noun*  
 làdòbó  
 PLU lùdòbó  
**leprosy** *noun*  
 dòbó  
**lesson** *noun*  
 pwọ̀ọny  
**let** *verb*  
 wèèk  
 letting wèkkò  
**letter** *noun*  
 wárāgà  
 ARA waraq  
**liar** *noun*  
 làgòbà PLU lùgòbà  
**lice** *noun*  
 ọ̀nyọ̀gì  
**lick** *verb*  
 nàāng  
 licking nànnngò  
**lid** *noun*  
 1 dóóg  
 2 wùì  
**lie** *noun*  
 1 gọ̀bà  
 2 ngúná  
**lie** *verb*  
 ngùtūn  
 lying ngúná  
**life** *noun*  
 kwóò  
**lift** *noun*  
 1 iĩl  
 2 tĩng

3 ẹ̀ẹ̀l  
 lifting ìllò, tĩnnngò. ẹ̀llò  
**light** *adjective*  
 yòòt  
**light** *noun*  
 mààc  
**lightning** *noun*  
 lùkòòt, lùtkòòt  
**like** *noun*  
 cầllòò  
**limping** *noun*  
 kómmodò  
 she is limping tyéé kà kómmodò  
**line** *noun*  
 tyèèng  
**line** *verb*  
 ryèè  
 lining ryèyyò  
**load** *noun*  
 tẹ̀ẹ̀r  
**load** *verb*  
 càān  
 loading cànnò  
**loan** *noun*  
 1 dẹ̀èn  
 2 bányá  
**lock** *verb*  
 1 pũ̀ng  
 2 cẹ̀ẹ̀g  
 locking pũ̀nnngò, cẹ̀ggò  
**locust** *noun*  
 ọ̀bọ̀nyọ̀dò  
**long** *adjective*  
 bọ̀ọ̀r  
 PLU bọ̀ccò  
**look** *verb*  
 nẹ̀èn  
 looking nènndò  
**loofah** *noun*  
 àmọ̀dọ̀r

**loose** *verb*  
 rwèèny  
 losing rwènnnyò  
**lorry** *verb*  
 lọ̀rì (ENG)  
**louse** *noun*  
 ọ̀nyọ̀gì  
**love** *noun*  
 máár  
**love** *verb*  
 màār  
 loving màrrò

## M m

**machete** *noun*  
 pàngà  
**mad** *adjective*  
 làpwòyā  
 PLU lùpwòyā  
**mail** *verb*  
 cwàāl  
 mailing cwàllò  
**main** *adjective*  
 màdít  
**maize** *noun*  
 ànyọ̀gì  
**make** *verb*  
 tĩĩm  
 making tĩmmò  
**man** *noun*  
 1(human) dánóò  
 2 (male) làcòò  
**manage** *verb*  
 twèèr  
**mango** *noun*  
 mángà

**manhood** *noun*  
còdò

**mankind** *noun*  
dánòdò

**many** *noun*  
1 dwòfong  
2 pòdòl

**mark** *verb*  
gwèèt  
**marking** gwèttò

**market** *noun*  
cùũk  
ARA shouk

**martyr** *noun*  
làcàdén rẹmọ

**mash** *verb*  
nyòdòt

**Mass** *noun*  
mícà  
ITA messa

**massage** *verb*  
màãd  
**massaging** màddò

**mat** *noun*  
mùkèkà

**match** *noun*  
(of football) ọdìllọ

**match** *noun*  
kìbìrùt

**mate** *verb*  
ittò

**mate** *noun*  
làrẹèm

**mathematics** *noun*  
cúráà

**matrimony** *noun*  
nyòdòm

**me** *pronoun*  
àn

**meagre** *adjective*  
tídí

**meal** *noun*  
cáám

**means** *noun*  
yòdò

**measure** *verb*  
pĩĩm

**meat** *noun*  
rìngó

**mechanic** *noun*  
màkánjìkà (ENG)

**medicine** *noun*  
1 yààt  
2 dáwà  
SWA dawa

**meet** *verb*  
rwàttée

**meeting** *noun*  
1 kàcòkée  
2 rwàttée

**melt** *verb*  
1 mèè 2 lòò

**mend** *verb*  
kwòdò

**mending** kwòyyò

**merchant** *noun*  
làcààt  
PLU lùcààt

**mercy** *noun*  
kìcà

**merge** *verb*  
rìib

**midday** *noun*  
dyèècèèng

**middle** *noun*  
1 kàtikàtì  
2 núcù  
SWA nusu

**midwife** *noun*  
làcọlá

**migrate** *verb*  
dààk

**mile** *noun*  
máìl (ENG)

**military** *noun*  
mọdony

**milk** *noun*  
cààk

**mill (grinding)** *noun*  
1 cùmà  
2 tàùná  
ARA tauna

**millet** *noun*  
káál

**mind** *noun*  
àdám

**mine** *pronoun*  
1 mèrráà  
2 méggáà

**minute** *noun*  
dàkíkà  
SWA dakika

**miracle** *noun*  
tángó

**miser** *noun*  
làgèèm, làwọrrọ

**misery** *noun*  
1 cààn  
2 pékkóò

**misfortune** *noun*  
gùùm mārāàc

**mission** *noun*  
1 mícāàn  
2 mícọdọn (ENG)

**mist** *noun*  
1 lùpù  
2 lwóóc

**mistake** *noun*  
báál

**mix** *verb*  
1 nyòdòb  
2 rùũb  
**mixing** nyòbbò, rùbbù

**moan** *verb*  
kọ̀ọ̀k  
**moaning** kọ̀kkọ̀

**mob** *noun*  
lwààk

**month** *noun*  
dwèè

**moon** *noun*  
dwèè

**morning** *noun*  
1 ọdìkọ  
2 kọ̀dìkọ̀

**mosquito** *noun*  
ọ̀bẹ̀ẹ̀r

**most** *adjective*  
pòòl

**mother** *noun*  
mìn

**mother-in-law** *noun*  
màrrò

**motocar** *noun*  
1 mòtòkà (ENG)  
2 àràbíà  
ARA arabia

**mould** *verb*  
cwèè  
**moulding** cwèyyò

**mount** *noun*  
gòdòt

**mount** *verb*  
ìĩt  
**mounting** ittò, yìttò

**mourn** *verb*

kùúm  
**mourning** kùmmòò  
**mouse** *noun*  
 òyòò  
**mouth** *noun*  
 dóóg  
**move** *verb*  
 dìĩr  
**moving** dìrrò  
**move back** dìrré cèén  
**muck** *noun*  
 còttò  
**mud** *noun*  
 còttò  
**mum** *noun*  
 mĩĩn  
 PLU mèggù  
**mumps** *noun*  
 labututu  
**murder** *noun*  
 nèèk  
**murder** *verb*  
 nèèk  
**mushroom** *noun*  
 òbwóól  
**music** *noun*  
 wéér  
**my** *adjective*  
 1 nā  
 2 the prefix - a  
**my book** búkkā  
**mystery** *noun*  
 tángó

## N n

**nail** *noun*

1(metal) lùcù máár 2 (hu-  
 mans) lwéét  
**nail** *verb*  
 gùũr  
**naked** *adjective*  
 1 lùdóók  
 2 lùnéró 3 mùnéró  
**name** *noun*  
 nyííng  
**naming** mỳyò nyííng  
**baptism** màkkò nyííng  
**nation** *noun*  
 1 lèbò  
 2 ngòdòm  
**narrow** *adjective*  
 dììng  
**native** *noun*  
 ànywáí  
**neat** *noun*  
 lèèng  
**near** *adjective*  
 cóók  
**neck** *noun*  
 ngùùt  
**need** *noun*  
 míít  
**need** *verb*  
 míít  
**needle** *noun*  
 líbĩrà  
 ARA *ibra*  
**neighbour** *noun*  
 jìràní  
 ARA *jiraan*  
**nephew** *noun*  
 òkèò  
**nerve** *noun*  
  
**nest** *noun*  
 òt wĩnyó

**net** *noun*  
 bwóó  
**new** *adjective*  
 nyèèñ  
**news** *noun*  
 kwèná  
**nice** *adjective*  
 1 bèèr 2 lĩĩm  
**nickname** *noun*  
 nyííng mwóóc  
**niece** *noun*  
 làkèò  
**night** *noun*  
 1 dyèè wóòr  
 2 wóòr  
**nit** *noun*  
 ònyógò  
**no** *adverb*  
 1 pèé  
 2 kùù  
**nose** *noun*  
 úúm  
**not** *adverb*  
 1 kùù  
 2 pèé  
**not him** én kùù  
**not black** pèé cóòl  
**now** *adverb*  
 kòmbedì  
**nowadays** *adverb*  
 kùnyòní  
**numb** *adjective*  
 dììng  
**number** *noun*  
 námbà (ENG)  
**nun** *noun*  
 còrè  
 ITA *suora*  
**nut** *noun*  
 náti (ENG)

**nylon** *noun*  
 náìlòñ (ENG)

## O o

**oar** *noun*  
 òpól  
**oath** *noun*  
 kwòdòng  
**obey** *verb*  
 lùũb  
**obeying** lùbbò  
**ochre** *noun*  
 pálá  
**offence** *noun*  
 yèét  
**offend** *verb*  
 yèét  
**offending** yèttò  
**ogre** *noun*  
 òbìbì  
**oil** *noun*  
 mòò  
**old** *adjective*  
 òtìì  
**once** *adverb*  
 gicèèl  
**one** *noun*  
 àcèèl  
**one** *pronoun*  
 ngààt  
**onion** *noun*  
 1 kítùngúlù  
 SWA *kitungulu*  
 2 bácalà  
 ARA *basalaa*  
**only** *adjective, adverb*  
 kékén





**picture** *noun*  
 cáál  
**pig** *noun*  
 òpégò  
**pile** *verb*  
 1 dòòb  
 2 càān  
**pillow** *noun*  
 1 làtēn wīc  
 2 màkádà  
 ARA *makaada*  
**pipe** *noun*  
 pálpò (ENG)  
**pit** *noun*  
 bűr  
**place** *noun*  
 kàbèdò  
**place** *verb*  
 kèèt  
**placenta** *noun*  
 byèrrò  
**plan** *noun*  
 pùlān (ENG)  
**plant** *verb*  
 piīt  
**planting** pittò  
**plate** *noun*  
 cáán, cákān  
 ARA *sahaan*  
**play** *noun*  
 tūkkù  
**play** *verb*  
 tūčk  
**playing** tūkkù  
**pleat** *verb*  
 kàād  
**pleating** kàddò  
**plough** *verb*  
 pűr  
**ploughing** pűrò

**pocket** *noun*  
 1 jábà  
 2 jébà  
 ARA *jeeba*  
**pod** *noun*  
 póót  
**point** *verb*  
 1 nyűt  
 2 cīm  
**pointless** *adjective*  
 kónyé pē  
**poison** *noun*  
 kwűr  
**poison** *verb*  
 wòl  
**poisoning** wòllò  
**polish** *verb*  
 1 lűl  
 2 jwāā  
**polishing** lűlò, jwāyyò  
**poor** *adjective*  
 làcān  
**Pope** *noun*  
 pápà ITA *papa*  
**porcupine** *noun*  
 còò  
**porridge** *noun*  
 nyùkà  
**possible** *adjective*  
 twèrrēē  
**possibly** *adverb*  
 1 gwòòk  
 2 nyòò  
**post** *verb*  
 cwāāl  
**post office** *noun*  
 pòctà (ENG)  
**pot** *noun*  
 àgűlű

**pound** *noun*  
 gűnēē  
 ARA *jinee*  
**pound** *verb*  
 òòd  
**pounding** *noun*  
 òdòò  
**poverty** *noun*  
 càān  
**pour** *verb*  
 òòny  
**praise** *verb*  
 pāk  
**praising** *noun*  
 páák, pākò  
**pray** *verb*  
 lēg  
**praying** lēggò  
**prayer** *noun*  
 lēggà  
**praying** *noun*  
 lēggò, lēggà  
**preen** *verb*  
 bűc  
**preening** bűccò  
**pregnant** *noun*  
 (is pregnant) òyáác  
**pregnancy** *noun*  
 yáác  
**present** *adjective*  
 tyēē  
**press** *verb*  
 1 diī  
 2 (of clothes) gòò  
**pretty** *adjective*  
 lēng  
**prevent** *verb*  
 gēng  
**prevention** gēngò

**price** *noun*  
 wēēl  
**prick** *verb*  
 còòb, cűb  
**pricking** còbbò, cűbbű  
**pride** *verb*  
 wākēē  
**pride** *noun*  
 àwākka  
**priest** *noun*  
 1 pádi  
 ITA *padre*  
 2 mīnicà (ENG)  
**primogeniture** *noun*  
 kàyòò  
**prise** *noun*  
 1 gwēēl 2 kòòl  
**prising** gwēllò, kòllò  
**prison** *noun*  
 1 màbűc  
 ARA *maboosh*  
 2 cígűn  
 ARA *sign*  
**problem** *noun*  
 1 àyēllà  
 2 lòòk  
**profit** *noun*  
 1 màgòbà  
 SWA *magoba*  
 2 pàidà  
 SWA *faida*  
**progeny** *noun*  
 lűkwāyyò  
**prohibit** *verb*  
 gēng  
**property** *noun*  
 jámì, jēmì  
**prophet** *noun*  
 1 pròpétà (ENG)

2 lànébì  
ARA *neebi*

**prune** *verb*  
ngàad  
pruning ngàaddò

**pull** *verb*  
ywàā  
pulling ywàyyò

**pullover** *noun*  
1 cwétà (ENG)  
2 pùlàni  
SWA *fulani*

**pump** *noun*  
1 (of water) tângì  
2 (of bicycle etc) làpîk

**pump** *verb*  
piĩk  
pumping pikkò

**punch** *verb*  
dòḡḡ  
punching dònngò

**punch-up** *noun*  
lwéeny

**punctual** *adjective*  
còòn

**pupil** *noun*  
làtín kwàān  
PLU lùtinnò kwáán

**pus** *noun*  
túút

**push** *verb*  
còḡr  
pushing còrrò

**put** *verb*  
kèēt  
putting kèttò

**python** *noun*  
nyáló, nyèlò

## Q q

**quail** *noun*  
jwíĩl

**quarrel** *verb*  
dàā

**queen** *noun*  
dáá kéér

**question** *noun*  
pèēny

**question** *verb*  
pèēny

**questioning** pènyyò

**queue** *verb*  
ryèē

**quickly** *adverb*  
òyòt òyòt

**quiet** *adjective*  
lììng

**quinine** *noun*  
kwĩnĩn (ENG)

## R r

**rabbit** *noun*  
àpwóyò

**race** *verb*  
ngwèēc

**racing** ngwèēc

**race** *noun*  
ngwèēc

**rack** *noun*  
lòrò

**radio** *noun*  
rádíò (ENG)

**rag** *noun*  
làwĩĩny

**rain** *noun*  
kòòt

**rain** *verb*  
cwèē

**raining** cwèē

**rainbow** *noun*  
dànyú

**raise** *verb*  
ĩĩl

**raising** ìllò

**rank** *noun*  
rwóóm

**rat** *noun*  
òyòḡ

**raw** *adjective*  
nùmú

**reach** *verb*  
1 òḡ  
2 tùũn

**reaching** òḡ

**razor** *noun*  
lyèdí

**read** *verb*  
kwàān

**reading** *noun*  
kwáán, kwànnò

**ready** *adverb*  
báá

**real** *adjective*  
1 àdáá  
2 àtíkàà

**reap** *verb*  
kàā

**reaping** káác, kàyyò

**rear** *noun, adjective*  
1 cèēn  
2 ìngèēc

**rear** *verb*  
piĩt

**rearing** *noun*  
piĩt, piĩttò

**record** *verb*  
1 (of picture, voice) màak  
2 (in writing) còḡ píĩny

**recording** màkkò

**red** *adjective*  
kwàār

**reek** *verb*  
ngwèē

**refugee** *noun*  
làrìíng àyèllà

**refuse** *verb*  
kwèēr

**refusing** kwèrrò

**reign** *verb*  
1 lòḡ  
2 tèēl

**reign** *noun*  
lóc

**relations** *noun*  
wàāt

**religion** *noun*  
dĩn  
SWA *dini*

**remind** *verb*  
pòḡ wĩyyè

**rent** *verb*  
pàāng (SWA)

**renting** pànnḡḡ

**repeat** *verb*  
nwòḡ

**repeating** nwòyyò

**reply** *verb*  
dwòḡḡ

**replying** dwòggò

**respect** *verb*  
wòḡr

**respect** *noun*

1 wóór  
2 wórró  
**rest** *noun*  
ywéé  
**rest** *verb*  
ywèē  
**resting** ywéyyó  
**return** *verb*  
1 (of self) dwòḍḍg  
2 (of property) dwòḍk  
**returning** *noun*  
1 dwòggò  
2 dwòkkò  
**rhinoceros** *noun*  
àmúkà  
**rice** *noun*  
1 rùḥ (ENG)  
2 mùcèlè (SWA *mucele*)  
**richness** *noun*  
lònyò  
**riddle** *noun*  
kòc  
**right** *noun*  
(of hand) àcùḥ  
**right** *adverb*  
àtír  
**ring** *verb*  
(of bell, phone) gòḍ  
**ringing** gòyyò (òláng)  
**rise** *verb*  
àā  
**rising** àā  
**river** *noun*  
nàām  
**rock** *noun*  
1 lélá  
2 gòḍòt  
**root** *noun*  
jwííny

**rope** *noun*  
tóól  
**rosary** *noun*  
ròjáriḍò (ENG)  
**rot** *verb*  
tòḍp  
**rough** *adjective*  
gwàār  
**row** *noun*  
dàā  
**royal** *noun*  
1 làkéér  
2 làkàāl  
**rub** *verb*  
ngiiny  
**rubbing** ngwínnýò  
**rule** *verb*  
lòḍ  
**rule** *noun*  
lóóc  
**run** *run*  
rĩng  
**running** *noun*  
1 ngwèēc  
2 rĩngò  
**rust** *adjective*  
nyàāl

## S s

**sack** *noun*  
1 cùwáál  
SWA *suwaal*  
2 gùtià  
ARA *gutia*  
**sack** *verb*  
ryèem  
**sacking** ryèmmò

**saliva** *noun*  
láá  
**salt** *noun*  
1 kàḍò  
2 mìlè  
ARA *mile*  
**salute** *verb*  
càlúút (ENG)  
**same** *adjective*  
1 cáál  
2 ròḍm  
**samosa** *noun*  
càmúcà, càmbúcà  
SWA *samooza*  
**sample** *noun*  
kíft  
**sand** *noun*  
kwéyyó  
**sandal** *noun*  
céndāāl (ENG)  
**sandwich** *noun*  
còndòwḥic  
ARA *sondowish*  
**sap** *noun*  
píḡ  
**sauce** *noun*  
dèèk  
**saucer** *noun*  
cócà (ENG)  
**save** *verb*  
làār  
**saving** làrrò  
**saviour** *noun*  
làláár  
**saw** *noun*  
mùcémè  
**say** *verb*  
wàāc  
**saying** wàccò

**scale** *noun*  
mìjààn  
ARA *mizaan*  
**scar** *noun*  
pòyyò  
**scatter** *verb*  
kèēt  
**scattering** kèttò  
**scent** *noun*  
ngwéccé  
**school** *noun*  
1 cùkùḥl (ENG)  
2 gààng kwáán  
**scissors** *noun*  
màgáác  
**scoop** *verb*  
gwèē  
**scooping** gwéyyò  
**score** *verb*  
mòḍt  
**scoring** mòttò  
**scour** *verb*  
jwàā  
**scouring** jwàyyò  
**scrape** *verb*  
dàāng  
**scream** *verb*  
dàāng  
**scrub** *verb*  
jwàā  
**scum** *noun*  
bwóyyó  
**scupper** *verb*  
kèēt  
**scuppering** kèttò  
**sear** *verb*  
wàāng  
**searing** wànnḍò  
**search** *verb*



yèeny  
**searching** yèennyò  
**seat** *noun*  
 1 kóóm  
 2 kàbèdò  
**second-hand** *noun*  
 àlìwárá  
**secondary school** *noun*  
 cínfà (ENG)  
**secret** *adjective*  
 mùũng  
**secretary** *noun*  
 1 kàráán  
 SWA *karani*  
 2 cèkrètàrì (ENG)  
**see** *verb*  
 nēen  
**seeing** nēnnò  
**seed** *noun*  
 nyílg  
**seek** *verb*  
 yèeny  
**seeking** yèennyò  
**seep** *verb*  
 tòòn  
**seeping** tóón  
**seize** *verb*  
 kèēng  
**seizing** kènnò  
**sell** *verb*  
 càāt  
**selling** càttò  
**seminary** *noun*  
 cēmìnáríyò (ENG)  
**send** *verb*  
 cwàāl  
**senior** *noun*  
 cínfà (ENG)  
**sergeant** *noun*  
 1 cájēen (ENG)

2 còwíc  
 ARA *soweesh*  
**servant** *noun*  
 kàdàám  
 ARA *kadaam*  
**seven** *noun*  
 àbíròdò  
**several** *adjective*  
 1 (mā) pòpòl  
 2 dwóṣṣṣ  
**sew** *verb*  
 kwòḍ  
**sewing** kwòyyò  
**sewing machine** *verb*  
 1 càráán  
 SWA *carani*  
 2 mākānà  
 ARA *makina*  
**sex** *noun*  
 ngót, nggòtèè  
**shade** *noun*  
 dúfíl  
**shadow** *noun*  
 dúfíl  
**shake** *verb*  
 yèēng  
**shaking** yènnò  
**shallow** *adjective*  
 nyèèb  
**shame** *noun*  
 lèwīc  
**sharp** *adjective*  
 bīt  
**sharpen** *verb*  
 pyèèt  
**sharpening** pyèttò  
**shave** *verb*  
 lyèèl  
**shaving** lyèllò

**she** *pronoun*  
 1 én  
 2 the short form in object position - e  
**sheep** *noun*  
 rómódò  
**shelter** *noun*  
 búngó  
**shepherd** *noun*  
 làkwàāt  
 PLU *lùkwàāt*  
**shield** *noun*  
 kwòḍt  
**shield** *verb*  
 gēēng  
**shielding** gènnò, gwòkkò  
**shine** *verb*  
 1 ryéeny  
 2 càār  
**shining** ryènnò, càrrò  
**shinny** *adjective*  
 1 ryéeny  
 2 càár  
**ship** *noun*  
 1 mēèl  
 2 bàbūr  
 ARA *baboor*  
**shirt** *noun*  
 cáttì (ENG)  
**shoe** *noun*  
 wàār  
**shoot** *verb*  
 cèèl  
**shop** *noun*  
 dùkáán  
 SWA *duka*  
**short** *adjective*  
 cèg  
 PLU *cègò*

**shout** *verb*  
 jwàā  
**show** *verb*  
 nyùùt  
**showing** nyùttò  
**shut** *verb*  
 1 lòṣ  
 2 cèg  
**shutting** lòrrò, cèggò  
**sick** *adjective*  
 twòḍ  
**patient** làtwòḍ  
**side** *noun*  
 tēngé  
**sieve** *noun*  
 kèyikéyì  
**sieve** *verb*  
 kíí  
**sieving** kíyyò  
**signing** *noun*  
 kèttò cínng  
**simple** *adjective*  
 yòḍt  
**sin** *noun*  
 báál  
**sinner** *noun*  
 làbáál  
**since** *adverb*  
 nìcákkèè  
**sing** *verb*  
 wēēr  
**singing** wèrrò  
**single** *adjective*  
 àcèèl  
**sink** *verb*  
 lwīĩny  
**sip** *verb*  
 gùṭb  
**sinking** gùbbò

**sisal** *noun*  
 twórròò  
**sister** *noun*  
 1 làmĩĩn  
 2 làmègò  
 PLU lùmègò  
**six** *noun*  
 àbícēl  
**size** *noun*  
 cáij (ENG)  
**skim** *verb*  
 gòò  
**skin** *noun*  
 1 pyèen  
 2 dyèēl  
**skip** *verb*  
 1 pyèē  
 2 kàāl  
**skipping** pyèē, kàllò  
**sky** *noun*  
 pòlò  
**slap** *verb*  
 dòòng  
**slapping** dònngò  
**sleep** *verb*  
 nĩĩn  
**sleepng** nĩnnò  
**sleep** *noun*  
 nĩnnò  
**slip** *verb*  
 cēer  
**slipping** cèrrò  
**slow** *adjective*  
 mọ̀dọ̀t  
**slowly** *adverb*  
 mọ̀t mọ̀t  
**smack** *verb*  
 bàāp  
**slapping** bàppò

**small** *adjective*  
 tídí  
 PLU tĩnnò  
**smallpox** *noun*  
 nyàkàcùnà  
**smear** *verb*  
 wĩĩr  
**smell** *verb*  
 ngwèē  
**smell** *noun*  
 ngwéccē  
**smile** *noun*  
 bùũny  
**smoke** *noun*  
 yìtò  
**smooth** *adjective*  
 yòòm  
**snack** *noun*  
 pèké  
**snake** *noun*  
 twòdòl  
**snare** *verb*  
 biĩt  
**snaring** biĩtò  
**snatch** *verb*  
 gwàā  
**snatching** gwàyyò  
**sneeze** *verb*  
 jĩĩr  
**sneezing** jĩĩrò  
**snow** *noun*  
 pèē  
**soak** *verb*  
 biĩl  
**soaking** biĩlò  
**soap** *noun*  
 cậbủn  
 SWA sabuni  
**sock** *noun*  
 cọ̀kẹ̀ (ENG)

**soft** *adjective*  
 1 yòòm  
 2 nèèp  
**soil** *noun*  
 ngòòm  
**solar** *noun*  
 cèèng  
**some** *adjective*  
 1 múkēnè  
 2 mọ̀dò  
**some are good** múkēnè bèccò  
**give her some** mỳyyē mọ̀dò  
**something** *noun*  
 gĩĩn mọ̀dò  
**son** *noun*  
 wóód  
**my son** wóddàā  
**your son** wóddĩ  
**song** *noun*  
 wéér  
**soon** *adverb*  
 1 còòk, còòk  
 2 kọ̀nị  
**sorcerer** *noun*  
 1 làtáál  
 2 làjòk  
 PLU lùjọ̀gị  
**sore** *adjective*  
 1 rẹ̀ēm  
 2 lùt  
**sort** *verb*  
 yèèr  
**sorting** yèèrò  
**soul** *noun*  
 tị̀pụ̀  
**sound** *noun*  
 dwóón  
**sour** *adjective*  
 wàāc

**soya bean** *noun*  
 kàù  
**spanner** *noun*  
 cìpànà (ENG)  
**spare** *noun*  
 cìpéà (ENG)  
**spatter** *verb*  
 kĩĩr  
**spattering** kĩĩrò  
**speak** *noun*  
 wàāc  
**speaking** wàccò  
**spear** *noun*  
 tóóng  
**spear** *verb*  
 còòb  
**spearing** còbbò  
**speech** *noun*  
 lẹ̀ọk  
**spell** *verb*  
 (of casting) tàāl  
**casting a spell** táál, tàllò  
**spin** *verb*  
 wĩĩr  
**spinning** wĩĩrò  
**splash** *verb*  
 kĩĩr  
**splashing** kĩĩrò  
**split** *verb*  
 pọ̀ọk  
**splitting** pọ̀kkọ̀  
**spoil** *verb*  
 bàāl  
**spoiling** bàllò  
**spoke** *noun*  
 cìlìg  
 ARA siliig  
**sponge** *noun*  
 àmọ̀dọ̀r

**spoon** *noun*  
 1 màlāgà  
 ARA *malaga*  
 2 kījīkò  
 SWA *kijiko*

**sport** *noun*  
 tūkù

**sprain** *verb*  
 wīl

**spread** *verb*  
 1 yāār  
 2 pyēēl

**squat** *verb*  
 nyōōng

**squeeze** *verb*  
 bīl

**squeezing** biyyò

**stack** *verb*  
 1 dōōd  
 2 cāān

**stacking** 1 dōōd 2 cānò

**stale** *adjective*  
 òkwòòk

**stalk** *noun*  
 līb

**stand** *verb*  
 cūūng

**standing** cūūng, cūnngò

**star** *noun*  
 làkálátwēēr

**stay** *verb*  
 bēēd

**staying** bēddò

**steal** *verb*  
 kwāāl

**stealing** kwāllò

**steep** *adjective*  
 cēré

**stew** *noun*  
 dēēk

**stick** *noun*  
 1 lūūt  
 2 yàāt

**stick** *verb*  
 cōōm

**sting** *verb*  
 kàā

**stinging** kàyyò

**stink** *noun*  
 ngwēē

**stir** *verb*  
 rùūb

**stirring** rùbbò

**stitch** *verb*  
 1 kwōō  
 2 màāk

**stitching** kwōyyò, màkkò

**stomach** *noun*  
 1 lī  
 2 ic

**stone** *noun*  
 1 gwēēng  
 2 kīdī

**stool** *noun*  
 (human waste) cēēt

**stop** *verb*  
 1 cūūng  
 2 gēēng

**stopping** cūnngò gēnngò

**store** *noun*  
 cūtòà (ENG)

**straight** *adjective*  
 àtūr

**stream** *noun*  
 kùllò

**stretch** *verb*  
 ngāād

**stretching** ngāddò

**striking** *verb*  
 (with a stick) twānngò

**string** *noun*  
 tóól

**string** *verb*  
 kēēd

**stringing** kēddò

**strip** *verb*  
 līr

**stripping** līrrò

**strong** *adjective*  
 tèēk

**struggling** *noun*  
 tūtēē

**stub** *verb*  
 yōōk

**stubbing** yōkkò

**study** *noun*  
 kwāān

**sudy** *verb*  
 kwāān

**studying** kwāān, kwānnò

**stump** *noun*  
 àdūūl

**subject** *noun*  
 cábjēēk (ENG)

**suck** *verb*  
 dōōt

**sucking** dōttò

**sue** *verb*  
 dōōt

**suing** dōttò

**suit** *noun*  
 cūūt (ENG)

**sugar** *noun*  
 cūkáál (ENG)

**sulk** *verb*  
 jūūl

**sulking** jūūl

**sum** *noun*  
 wēēl

**summon** *verb*  
 lwōōng

**summoning** lwōnngò

**sun** *noun*  
 cēēng

**Sunday** *noun*  
 cēēng càbíft

**surround** *verb*  
 rùūm

**surrounding** rùmmò

**swab** *verb*  
 màād

**swabbing** màddò

**swallow** *verb*  
 mwōōny

**swallowing** mwōnnyò

**sweat** *noun*  
 kwōōk

**sweep** *verb*  
 ywēē

**sweeping** ywēyyò, ywēéc

**sweet** *noun*  
 1 lìim  
 2 mìit

**sweetheart** *noun*  
 làbàāl cwīnyí

**sweet potato** *noun*  
 làyátà

**swell** *verb*  
 kwōōt

**swelling** kwōttò, kwōōt

**swim** *verb*  
 ùūm

**swimming** úūm

**swindle** *verb*  
 bùūm

**swindling** bùmmò

**swing** *verb*  
 lyēēr

**swinging** lyērrò

**swirl** *verb*  
wĩĩr  
**swirling** wĩĩrò  
**switch** *verb*  
gèër  
**switching** gèèrò  
**syringe** *noun*  
lĩbĩrã  
ARA *ibra*

## T t

**table** *noun*  
méjà  
SWA *meza*  
**tablet** *noun*  
yààt àmúnyàà  
**tail** *noun*  
yĩĩb  
**tailor** *noun*  
1 làkwóóc  
PLU *lùkwóóc*  
2 tẹ̀rẹ̀jì  
ARA *terez*  
3 pùndì  
SWA *fundi*  
**take** *verb*  
tẹ̀r  
**tale** *noun*  
òdòdò  
**talk** *verb*  
lòòk  
**tall** *adjective*  
bọ̀r  
PLU *bọ̀ccò*  
**tap** *verb*  
dwòdng  
**tapping** dwòdngò

**task** *noun*  
tìic  
**taste** *verb*  
biĩl  
**tasting** billò  
**tax** *noun*  
mùccòrò  
SWA *msoro*  
**taxi** *noun*  
tàkcì (ENG)  
**tea** *noun*  
cái  
SWA *chai*  
**teach** *verb* pwòdony  
**teaching** pwòdnyò  
**teacher** *noun*  
làpwòdony  
**tear** *verb*  
yèec  
**tearing** yéec, yèccò  
**tease** *verb*  
1 ngàāl  
2 nywàār  
**teasing** ngàllò, nywàrrò  
**telephone** *noun*  
cím  
SWA *simu*  
**tell** *verb*  
wàāc  
**telling** wàccò  
**temporary** *adjective*  
tútúnú  
**ten** *noun*  
àpáār  
**tender** *adjective*  
yòdòm  
**tent** *noun*  
kémà  
SWA *kema*

**terrorist** *noun*  
àdúí  
**test** *noun*  
péeny  
**test** *verb*  
1 pèeny  
2 tèem  
**testing** pèennyò, tèmmò  
**thank** *verb*  
pwòò  
**thanking** pwòyyò  
pwóóc  
**thanks** *noun*  
pwóóc  
**theft** *noun*  
kwòd  
**their** *adjective*  
gĩ  
**theirs** *pronoun*  
méggi  
**them** *pronoun*  
1 gí  
2 gín  
**then** *adverb*  
1 ká  
2 cí  
**there** *adverb*  
kénnyòd  
**they** *pronoun*  
gín  
**thick** *adjective*  
péek  
**thief** *noun*  
làkwòd  
PLU *lùkwòd*  
**thigh** *noun*  
éem  
**thin** *adjective*  
rèep

**thing** *noun*  
jémì, jámì  
**think** *verb*  
1 pàār  
2 tàām  
**thinking** páār, pàrrò  
**thirst** *noun*  
òrwóó pìì  
**this** *adjective*  
1 nì  
2 èn  
*This man is a thief* làcòd nì  
làkwòd  
**thorn** *noun*  
òkútó  
**thought** *noun*  
1 táām  
2 páār  
**thrash** *verb*  
pwòd  
**thrashing** pwòddò  
**thread** *noun*  
1 úcì  
SWA *uzi*  
2 kèi  
ARA *keyt*  
**three** *noun*  
àdèc  
**thresh** *verb*  
dĩĩ  
**throat** *noun*  
dwóón  
**throw** *verb*  
1 bàā  
2 bọ̀l  
**throwing** bàyyò, bọ̀llò  
**thunder** *noun*  
lùkòt  
**ticks** *noun*  
òkwòdòd



**tick** *noun*  
gwèet  
**ticking** gwèttò  
**tickle** *verb*  
giid  
**tickling** giddò  
**tidy** *adjective*  
lèng  
**tie** *noun*  
tàyì (ENG)  
**tie** *verb*  
twèè  
**tying** twèyyò  
**tight** *adjective*  
diing  
**tilapia** *noun*  
làpóók  
**till** *verb*  
pùūr  
**tilling** pùrrù  
**tilt** *verb*  
lùūng  
**tilting** lùnnò  
**time** *noun*  
cáà, cáwà  
SWA *saa*  
**to** *preposition*  
1 bọt  
2 ì  
**tobacco** *noun*  
táá, tubà  
**today** *noun*  
tịn  
**toddler** *noun*  
1 ònyúù  
2 làtín  
**toilet** *noun*  
1 còrọ̀n  
SWA *soroni*  
2 bàkàná

ARA *bakhana*  
3 òt kònnyèè  
**tomato** *noun*  
nyányà  
**tomb** *noun*  
lyèèl  
**tomorrow** *noun*  
dịkfi  
**tongue** *noun*  
lééb  
**tooth** *noun*  
lààk  
**torch** *noun*  
tọ̀dọ̀c (ENG)  
**tortoise** *noun*  
òpùùk  
**total** *noun*  
wéèl  
**touch** *verb*  
gùùd  
**touchable** gùddèè  
**touching** gùddò  
**tough** *noun*  
1 tèèk  
2 gwààr  
**tow** *verb*  
1 ywàā  
2 tèèl  
**towing** ywàyyò, tèllò  
**towards** *preposition*  
tị̀úng  
**towel** *noun*  
táùlò (ENG)  
**town** *noun*  
1 bọ̀mà  
SWA *boma*  
2 táùn (ENG)  
**track** *verb*  
ròòt  
**tracking** ròttò

**trade** *noun*  
càat  
**trade** *verb*  
càat  
**trading** càat, càttò  
**tradition** *noun*  
1 té kwàrrò  
2 cìk mé kwàrrò  
**train** *noun*  
1 gààr  
SWA *gari ya moshi*  
2 gátààr  
ARA *ghataar*  
**train** *verb*  
pwòḡny  
**training** pwònnnyò  
**transfer** *verb*  
kòòb  
**transferring** kòbbò  
**translate** *verb*  
kòòb  
**translating** kòbbò  
**trap** *verb*  
1 biit  
2 cìk  
**trapping** bittò, cikò  
**tray** *noun*  
cènià  
ARA *senia*  
**tread** *verb*  
nyòḡn  
**treading** nyònnò  
**tree** *noun*  
yàat  
**tribe** *noun*  
kàkà  
**trim** *verb*  
1 ngwèèd  
2 ngàād  
**trimming** ngwèddò, ngàddò

**tripe** *noun*  
(of cow as food) cị́n diàng  
**trouble** *noun*  
àyéllà  
**troublesome** làyèllà  
**true** *adjective*  
àdàá  
**trunk** *noun*  
kọ̀ọ̀r  
**trust** *noun*  
gẹ̀n  
**trusting** gènnò  
**try** *verb*  
tèem  
**trying** tèmmò  
**turn** *verb*  
1 gèèr  
2 mìn  
**turning** gèrrò, mìnno  
**twig** *noun*  
kèdì  
**twin** *noun*  
rúđfì  
**twist** *verb*  
1 wĩ  
2 mìn  
3 bĩny  
**twisting** wìyyò, mìnno, bĩnyo  
**twirl** *verb*  
1 wĩ  
2 mìn  
3 bĩny  
**twirling** wìyyò, mìnno, bĩnyo  
**two** *noun*  
àrìò  
**type** *verb*  
(of letter) gòò  
**typing** gòyyò  
**type** *noun*  
kị́t

**tyre** *noun*

1 (vehicles) tyèēn mōtōkà

2 (cycles) tyèēn lélà

## U u

**underneath** *preposition*

itèè

**underpants** *noun*

libáác

ARA libaas

**understand** *verb*

niāng

I did not understand pé ániàng

**understanding** niàng, niàngngò

**underwear** *noun*

libáác

ARA libaas

**unrest** *noun*

àyélà

**untie** *verb*

gòōny

**until** *preposition*

nàkà

**untrue** *adjective*

gòbà

**unwell** *adjective*

twòdò

**up** *preposition, adverb*

màlō

**urge** *verb*

diĩ

**us** *pronoun*

wán, wá

Give us one mìì wā àcéél

**use** *verb*

tĩ

**utensil** *noun*

jémí, jámì

**cooking utensils** jémì tēddò

## V v

**vacate** *verb*

wèèk

**vacating** wèkkò

**vacation** *noun*

ywéyyò

**vaccinate** *verb*

gwèèr

**vaccinating** gwèrrò

**vagina** *noun*

tùūn

**veer** *verb*

wèè

**vein** *noun*

lèér

**vest** *noun*

pùlànì

SWA fulani

**vicar** *noun*

pádì

ITA padre

**visible** *adjective*

néén

**visit** *verb*

lĩm

**visiting** limmò

**voice** *noun*

dwóón

**vomit** *noun*

ngóók

**vomit** *verb*

ngòòk

**voting** *noun*

bòllò kwùr

**vulture** *noun*

àcùùt

## W w

**wag** *verb*

yèēng

**wagging** yènggò

**wagtail** *noun*

làgúút

**waist** *noun*

pyèèr

**wait** *verb*

kùūr

**waiting** kùrrò

**wake** *verb*

còdò

**waking up** còdò

**waking** còyyò

**walk** *verb*

wòdòt

**walking** wòttò

**walking stick** *noun*

òdòdò

**wall** *noun*

kòdòr òt

**wander** *verb*

lààk

**want** *noun*

míít

**want** *verb*

míít

**wanting** mìttò

**war** *noun*

1 lwéeny

2 mwòdòny

**wash** *noun*

lwóók

**wash** *verb*

lwòòk

**washing** lwòkkò, lwóók

**wasp** *noun*

pìpìndò

**waste** *verb*

bàāl

**wasting** bàllò

**watch** *noun*

(of time) cáà

**watch** *verb*

1 (to see) nèēn

2 (to guard) gwòòk

**water** *noun*

pìì

**water pot** àgùlù pfi

**way** *noun*

yòdò

**we** *pronoun*

wáán

**weak** *noun*

gòrò

**weakling, an infirm** làgòrò

**wealth** *noun*

lònnnyò

**wealthy** *adjective*

làlònnnyò

PLU lùlònnnyò

**weaning** *verb*

pùggù

**weapon** *noun*

lùdùkù

**wear** *verb*

rùùk

**wearing** rùkkò

**dressing up** rùùk

**weave** *verb*

**kèed**  
**weaving** kèddò  
**wed** *verb*  
 nyòòm  
**wedding** *noun*  
 nyòm mò, nyòm  
**weed** *noun*  
 dòò  
**weed** *verb*  
 dòò  
**weeding** dòyyò, dòò  
**week** *noun*  
 càbùt  
**weep** *verb*  
 kòòk  
**weeping** kòkkò  
**weigh** *verb*  
 pìim  
**weighing** pìmmò  
**well** *adverb*  
 bèèr  
 PLU bèccò  
**well** *noun*  
 ìt  
**well-known** *adjective*  
 ngén nēè  
**well-mannered** *adjective*  
 1 kít tē bèèr  
 2 wòòr  
**well-read** *adjective*  
 òkwànnèè  
**well-to-do** *adjective*  
 lálònyò  
**welcome** *verb*  
 jòòl  
**welcoming** guests jòlò wèl lēè  
**wet** *adjective*  
 dyààk  
**what** *adjective, pronoun*  
 ngò

**wheel** *noun*  
 tyèèn  
**wheelbarrow** *noun*  
 gàdìgàdì  
**which** *adjective, pronoun*  
 1 (in questions) ménné  
 2 (in statements) mā  
**whip** *noun*  
 1 ànínō  
 2 kìbòkò  
 SWA kibokoo  
**whip** *verb*  
 1 gòò  
 2 pwòòd  
 3 jwàat  
**whipping** 1 gòyyò  
 2 pwòddò  
 3 jwàttò  
**whisk** *verb*  
 gòò  
**whisking** gòyyò  
**white** *adjective*  
 tààr  
**white person** 1 múnú 2  
 òtárá  
**whole** *adjective*  
 1 kúlú  
 2 wééng  
**who** *pronoun*  
 1 (in interrogative) ngàà, àngáà  
 2 mā  
*who told you?* ngàà mụwàccì  
**whom** *pronoun*  
 mā  
*A man who is a witch* làcòò  
 mā làtáál  
**whose** *pronoun*  
 1 (pà) ngàà  
 2 mā

**why** *adverb*  
 pì ngòò  
**wicked** *adjective*  
 làtáál  
 PLU làtáál  
**wide** *adjective*  
 láác  
**widower** *noun*  
 dáá tòò  
**wife** *noun*  
 dákóò  
**his wife** 1 dákó nēè 2 mìn  
 òttēè  
 PLU mọòn  
**wild** *adjective*  
 gèèr  
**wildness** *noun*  
 gèrròò  
**win** *verb*  
 lòò  
**winning** lòyyò, lóóc  
**wind** *noun*  
 yàmmò  
**window** *noun*  
 1 òt rìcà  
 2 wàng òt  
**wing** *noun*  
 bwòòm  
**wipe** *verb*  
 1 dùñny  
 2 gèè  
**wiping** dùñnyò, gèyyò  
**wire** *noun*  
 wáyà (ENG)  
**wisdom** *noun*  
 ryékkòò  
**wise** *adjective*  
 ryèèk  
**witch** *noun*

1 làtáál 2 làjòk  
 PLU làtáál, lùjògí  
**witchcraft** *noun*  
 1 táál 2 jòòk  
**with** *preposition*  
 1 bòòt  
 2 kí  
**without** *preposition*  
 làbòngò  
**witness** *noun*  
 càdèèñ  
 PLU lùcàdèèñ  
**wizard** *noun*  
 1 làtáál  
 2 làjòk  
 PLU làtáál, lùjògí  
**woman** *noun*  
 dàkòò  
 PLU mọòn  
**womb** *noun*  
 ìc  
**wonder** *noun*  
 úúr  
**wonder** *verb*  
 úūr  
**wondering** úúr, ùrrò  
**wonderful** *adjective*  
 bèèr  
 PLU bèccò  
**wood** *noun*  
 1 yààt  
 2 yéèñ  
**word** *noun*  
 lòòk  
**work** *noun*  
 tìic  
**worker** *noun*  
 làtìic  
 PLU lùtìic

**world** *noun*

- 1 lẹ̀bò
- 2 píńy
- 3 ngòòm

**worm** *noun*

kwìdì

**worry** *verb*

lwòṛ

**worrying** lwòrròṛ

**wound** *noun*

- 1 bùùr
- 2 rẹ̀t

**wrestle** *noun*

rẹ̀ttẹ̀

**wring** *verb*

bí

**wringing** biyyò

**wrist** *noun*

ngùùt cín

**write** *verb*

còṛ

**writing** *noun*

cóóc, còyyò

**wrong** *adjective*

- 1 rààc
- 2 pẹ̀ kàkàrè
- 3 pẹ̀ átíur

## X x

**Xmas** *noun*

kàráma

**X-ray** *noun*

èkçìrèi (ENG)

## Y y

**yam** *noun*

òbátòṛ

**year** *noun*

mwàkà

**New Year** mwàkà nànyẹ̀n

**yeast** *noun*

tòbì

**yell** *verb*

dàāng

**yelling** dànngeè

**yes** *adverb*

ẹ̀yò

**yet** *adverb, conjunction*

kùùn

**yield** *noun*

nyààk

**yielding** nyáák

**yield** *verb*

nyàāk

**yorghut** *noun*

càāk òkùlò

**you** *pronoun*

1 SGL ń

2 PLU wùùn

**young** *adjective*

1 tídí

2 làtín

**your** *adjective*

1 nĩ

2 (short form) - i

*This is your house* mán òt

nĩ ; mán òttĩ

**yours** *pronoun*

1 SGL mèrrí, mèggũ

2 PLU mèggú, túwwū, múwwū,

méwwú

**youth** *noun*

bùlùù

## Z z

**zebra** *noun*

làgwáá



# Languages of the World/Dictionaries

## In this series

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 03 John Keegan                                 | <b>Dictionary of Mbay</b>                                      |
| 16 Michel Ferlus (ed. by P. Jacq & P. Sidwell) | <b>Nhaheun - French - English Lexicon</b>                      |
| 17 Philip W. Davis & Angel Mesa                | <b>A Dictionary of Yogad</b>                                   |
| 21 Pascale Jacq & Paul Sidwell                 | <b>Comparative West Bahnaric Dictionary</b>                    |
| 22 Eliane Camargo                              | <b>Léxico bilingüe aparai-português / português-aparai</b>     |
| 23 Pascale Jacq & Paul Sidwell                 | <b>Loven (Jruq) Consolidated Lexicon</b>                       |
| 24 Ross Jones                                  | <b>Boko Dictionary</b>   |
| 25 Mairi Blackings                             | <b>Madi-English Dictionary</b>                                 |
| 26 Roger Brand                                 | <b>Ethnographie et Vocabulaire Religieux des Cultes Vodoun</b> |
| 27 S.J. Piet Ruttenberg                        | <b>Lexique Yaka Français; Français Yaka</b>                    |
| 28 Gregory D.S. Anderson & K. David Harrison   | <b>Tuvan Dictionary</b>  |
| 29 Julian Granberry                            | <b>A Lexicon of Modern Mohegan</b>                             |
| 30 Ross Jones                                  | <b>Bokobaru Dictionary</b>                                     |
| 31 Ross Jones                                  | <b>Busa Dictionary</b>   |
| 38 Solomon Sara                                | <b>A Tri-Lingual Dictionary of Emberá-Spanish-English</b>      |

39 Alexander Raymond Makasa Kasonde

**A Classified Vocabulary of the Ibibemba Language**

40 Eldo Neufeld

**Plautdietsch - English. English - Plautdietsch Word Finder**

41 Rosmarie Moser & Jean-Pierre Dingatoloum

**Kabba-English-French Dictionary**

42 Stephen T.M. Lukusa

**Shiyeyi - English Dictionary**

43 Mairi John Blackings

**Acholi English - English Acholi Dictionary**



Acholi is a Nilo-Saharan language of the Nilotic stock belonging to the southern cluster of Lwo languages found in Uganda, Kenya and the Sudan. In Uganda, the Acholi (800000 speakers) occupy the northernmost districts of Gulu, Kitgum, Amuru and Pader while in the Sudan, the Acholi (50000 speakers), share the southernmost county of Magwi with the Ma'di. The Acholi language has varying degrees of mutual intelligibility with a number of languages spoken across four countries; Uganda (Lango, Kumam, Alur, Jo pa Dhola), in the Sudan (Jur, Pari, Anyua and Chollo), and in Kenya and Tanzania (Lwo). This dictionary differs from similar earlier projects in a number of important respects. First, it exploits the full range of the ten vowels that the language has, rather than restricting itself to the five commonly used

vowels. Secondly, it acknowledges the importance of tone and utilizes it to aid the process of word identification, discrimination and distinction. Thirdly, the dictionary provides etymological information on the sources of borrowed words to excavate the sociopolitical contacts of the Acholi people. Fourthly, words from the various dialects of Acholi spoken in both Uganda and the Sudan find equal prominence, reflecting the author's own background and the strength and depth of the informants. Fifthly, it is the product of a linguist who has a near native level command of the language, having spent most of his formative years among the Acholi of Uganda and more recently living among the Acholi of the Sudan. Lastly, this dictionary gives both Acholi - English and English - Acholi versions of lexical items.

An equally important feature of this dictionary is its attempt at establishing a clear and concise way of pronouncing and writing Acholi words which should be invaluable to both the native speaker and the foreign learner of the language. While seeking to establish a standardised way of spelling Acholi words, ironically this dictionary does not advocate the marking of tones, nor the distinction of vowel quality in writing Acholi, except in specialized projects like dictionaries, as meaning of Acholi words can often be easily deciphered from the context.

ISBN 978 3 929075 69 4



**LINCOM EUROPEAN**  
academic